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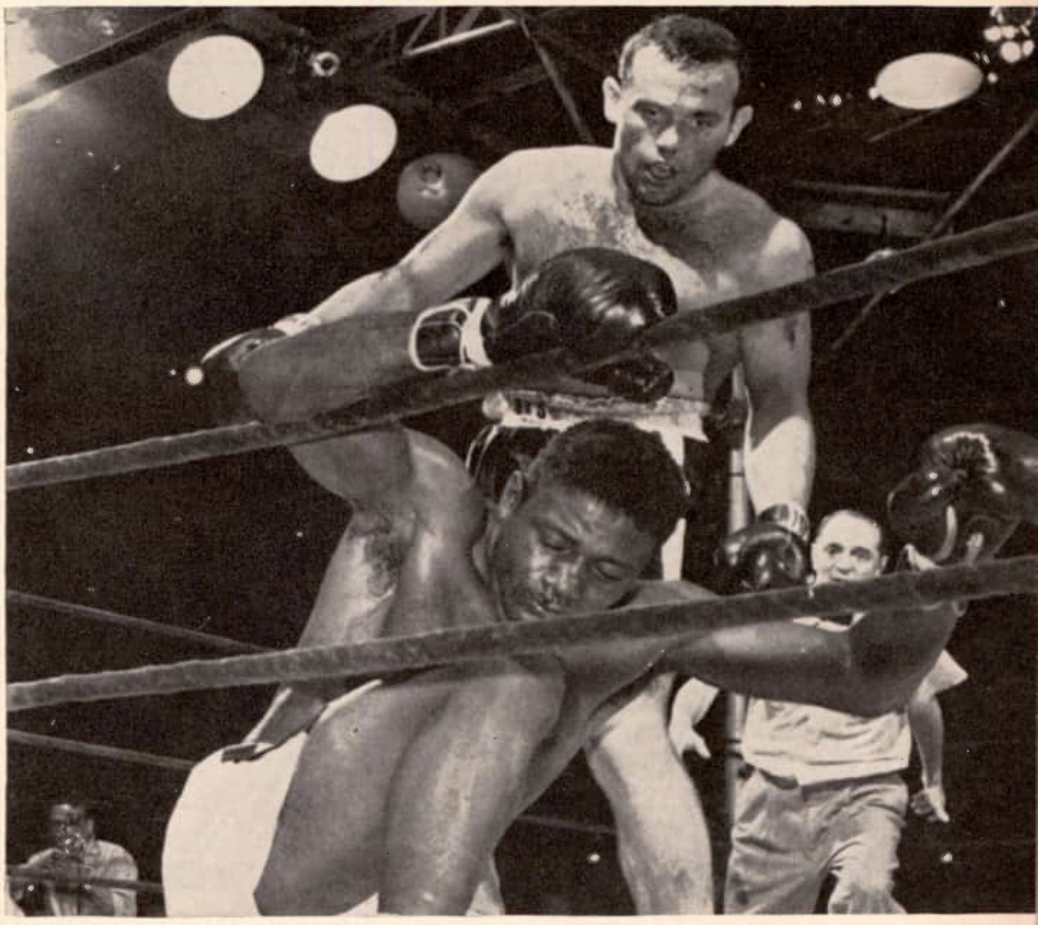

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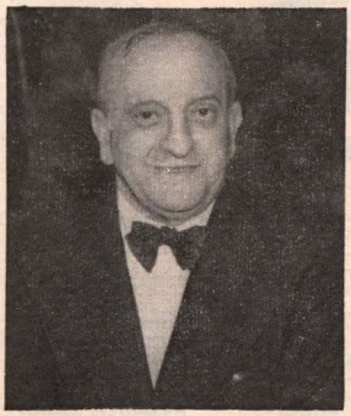

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Says

Gangland Brings New Crisis In American Boxing
Carbo's Apprehension May End Hoodlum Control
"Let's Kill Boxing" Gets New Support In Britain

IN the underworld, "blowing the whistle" is a heinous crime. Often it is punshable by death. That is the method pursued by gangsters when they are cornered.

"Never holler copper" is their slogan. It is their way of telling an honest citizen not to divulge any information that might jeopardize the cruel business transactions of the mobsters—or else.

That's what the hoodlums, members of the notorious Frankie Carbo mobsters recently told Jackie Leonard, Los Angeles boxing promoter, when he was about to squeal on Carbo and some of his followers who threatened him and Don Nesseth, manager of welterweight champion, Don Jordan, with bodily harm unless they turned over the fighter or permitted Carbo and Blinky Palermo to "muscle" in on the management of the champion.

"We're in on half," Leonard and Nesseth testified before the California State Athletic Commission. When the demand for a part ownership of the fighter was turned down, the police testimony shows that a person who identified himself as Carbo said:

"Nobody ever has done this to us. Somebody is going to get hurt."

One of the police recordings contained the statement: "You'll never know what hit you. Remember what happened to Ray Arcel."

Yes, Leonard remembers. Arcel was hit over the head with a pipe wrapped in newspaper, and he suffered a fractured skull because he refused to listen to gangland's threats to pay off part of his earnings for televising fights or get out of business.

Despite police protection, Leonard was badly injured in exactly the manner which that 'phone call predicted. He suffered a fractured skull as did Arcel several years ago.

No more grateful news ever was received by the law abiding citizens in the boxing game than that the notorious Carbo has finally been apprehended and will face a court trial, which we hope and pray will put him behind bars for a long spell.

No man has done more harm to the sport than Carbo. None in all my long years of association with boxing, has been more responsible for crime in boxing than Carbo.

He and his likes must be destroyed, like termintes, if the sport is to regain the respect it had prior to the influx of the mobsters controlled by Mr. Gray, otherwise known as Frankie Carbo.

Our congratulations to both Nesseth and Leonard for having the "audacity" to expose the hoods, knowing as they did that it would be a mostly costly exposure, probably ending in permanent injury or even a fatality. The evil-doers, who have brought nothing but disgrace to boxing, leave nothing undone to carry out their plans. The only way to remove their bad influence and restore public confidence in the sport, is to place them in the clink.

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Jackie Leonard (left), California fight promoter, during California State Athletic Commission hearings, told of threats allegedly made by Frankie Carbo, underworld ruler of boxing. With him are Mannie Dros, assistant matchmaker, and Don Nesseth, manager of welterweight champion Don Jordan. Two weeks later "they" made good on the threats; Leonard was bludgeoned outside his home.

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IN OUR NEXT ISSUE

With three world championship matches to be covered, the September issue of The Ring promises to be another jam-packed, exciting one. The Big Fight, of course, is the light heavyweight title bout between Archie Moore and Yvon Durelle, the return to their drama-filled Fight of 1958.

In addition, Don Jordan places his welterweight laurels on the line against young Denny Moyer and Alphonse Halimi makes his first title defense in almost two years, against Mexico's Joe Becerra.

All these great fights, plus many others, will be fully covered in story and photos in our next issue.

Now that the great international championship bout between Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson is over the champion looks to his next defense. The Ring brings you a close-up on the champ and his plans for the immediate future.

With the startling success of a handful of invading Cuban fighters that country is highlighted in the September issue, tracing their outstanding native fighters of the past and the encouraging possibilities of ringmen such as Luis Rodriguez, Florentino Fernandez, Carlos Hernandez and Douglas Vaillant, all of whom won impressively in their well-publicized American debuts.

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PUNCH LINES

FROM OUR READERS

MACHEN ACHIN'

Editor:

Watched Eddie Machen and Reuben Vargas through ten rounds of slow motion and wrestling. Machen hasn't got a thing—what little ability he had has been ruined by caution. There would have been no fight if the other guy didn't make it.

My money would go on the Swede, Johansson, to knock him out again, in three rounds. Vargas is strictly preliminary—clumsy and inept at this time. How did he ever get by Tony Anthony? Sonny Liston can whip all of them in the same ring in one evening—one after another, with the possible exception of Floyd Patterson. But after that Englishman sticking around for eleven rounds with Patterson my money would go on Liston right now.

T. J. Crawford, Sr.
Issaquah, Wash.

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Dear Sirs:

I saw that Machen-Vargas fight on television and I thought that Vargas beat Machen. I gave it to Vargas 97 to 94. I think something should be done about those hometown decisions.

Ronald Rego
San Diego, Calif.

SUMMER SONG

Dear Editor:

The court and now the N. B. A. has vacated Robinson's crown. All of this is very late indeed. I hope this will improve the position of boxing in relation to the fans.

Now with several championship bouts scheduled and Patterson activity secured, we have reason for dropping the pessimism of the winter. At least the visible symptoms are encouraging.

Livio Vettor
New York, N. Y.

GREAT SCOTT!

Dear Sirs:

What is wrong with the referees and judges? Failing eyesight or just plain blind? I'm writing about the Ralph Dupas-Charley Scott fight. It was a decision that stank clear down to Denver (Ed. Note: the fight was held in Chicago).

I only gave Scott two rounds with a couple even. Dupas really slapped him silly. True Scott was the harder hitter, but he was getting fifteen to one punches. All Scott did all night was stick his kisser out there to get it jabbed. And how about the home town decision given Del Flanagan over him? Christmas is coming early for Dupas' opponents.

Everett (Mexico) Trujillo
Denver, Colo.

NOT SO GREAT SCOTT!

Dear Sir:

I have just finished watching Charlie Scott take a split decision over Ralph Dupas. The decision, if it can be called a decision, was the most absurd thing I ever heard. Dupas showed the most courage, boxing skill and all around ability I've seen in years. He did everything but chase Scott out of the ring.

It was clear to the fans, sports writers and everyone who watched the fight who won. Everyone but the officials! I'm a veteran fight fan but after this one I vow never to watch another bout. Bad decisions have been prevailing throughout the sport in the past few years but this is "too" much.

I don't think much of the point system anyway, but even then Dupas should have taken a unanimous decision. Nothing but a "dead sport" can result in such terrible jobs of officiating.

Nelson Scarbrough
San Diego, Calif.

PAGING JUDGE LANDIS

Editors:

I would like to suggest something that would benefit your great Ring Magazine. I have worked a long time on this and talked to countless people who, like myself, consider your magazine the sports bible and a "must" for any boxing fan.

I am sure a good crossword puzzle, pertaining to sports, would stimulate a lot of interest for your readers. It has done much for many magazines, for these puzzles are a challenge and are very interesting to most everyone.

I hope they don't strip Ray Robinson of his title. He does not deserve this. He has been and even now is still the best. What are they after? To monopolize his title also. Haven't they done enough to kill the game? I was also surprised not to see Joey Giambra in the ratings after he just gave Tiger Jones a bad beating in Texas.

I honestly believe that Cus D'Amato has hurt his champion, Patterson, by not fighting more than he has, and also by not fighting better men. In a way you can't blame him, or anyone else, for feeling about the I. B. C. the way he did. They did much to kill the fight game and I often wonder how much Jim Norris is really out of it.

This Ray Robiinson deal stinks of I. B. C. I wonder just how much of it is really N. B. A. and who is behind it all? For they haven't even begun to clean out all the hoodlums from the fight game. Boy, how we could use a Judge Landis in boxing, some one who wouldn't be afraid of these two bit hoods.

Joseph Robidoux
Plymouth, Mass.

Ed. Note: Giambra in ratings in July issue following victory over Jones.

THE WRONG TURK

Dear Sirs:

Howard Ehart's letter saying he believed the Turks were the greatest wrestlers is interesting except he surely picked the wrong Turk as being 'too great' when he picked Yussiff Hussane; because I saw the match between Hussane and Stanley Zbyszko in Omaha in which they pulled and hauled some two hours without a fall. But shortly after that Hussane travelled to Lincoln, Nebraska where Joe Stecher beat him two pin falls in 9 minutes. Hussane was very agile, weighing about 200 pounds but was not strong enough to cope with real heavyweights. He was a pupil of Farmer Burns.

There is no question but that Gama was the greatest of foreign wrestlers. His home of course was Patiala, India. The great Gama is paralyzed today at the age of 70 and his days are numbered. His greatest match no doubt was the one in London, England September 7, 1910 when he wrestled Stanley Zbyszko for 3 hours and 47 minutes to a draw. This was to be just a warm up bout as Gama was enroute at the time to America to meet Gotch in a title match. However due to the fact that Gotch had defeated Zbyszko two falls in about 28 minutes at Chicago just three months previously, Gama changed his plans and he sailed back to India instead. He never could have lasted long with Gotch.

Ivor Remington,
Castle Rock, Colorado.

LET'S HAVE TEETH

It is about time the boxing commissions throughout the world got together

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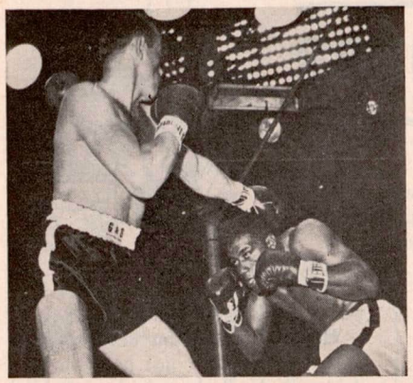

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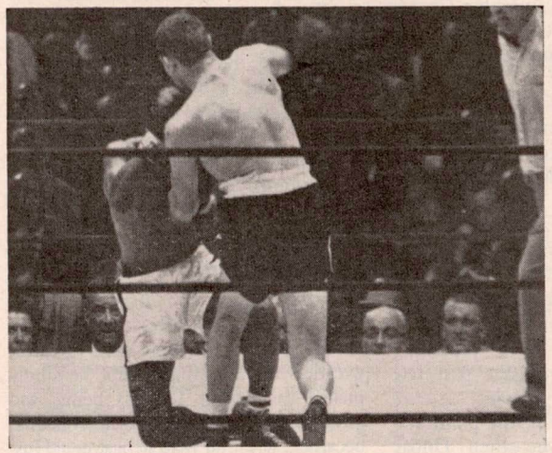
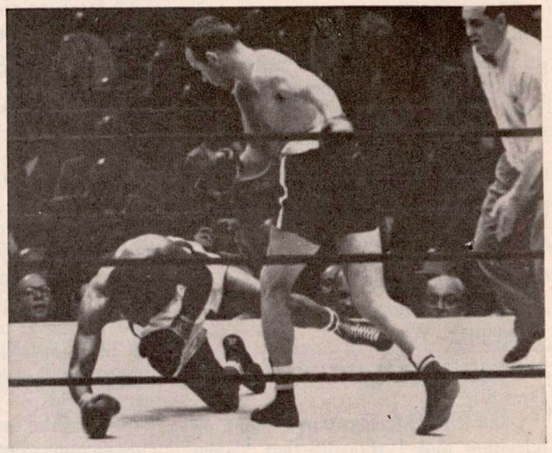
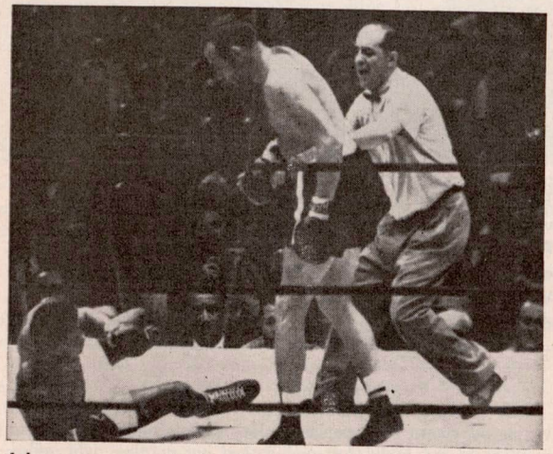
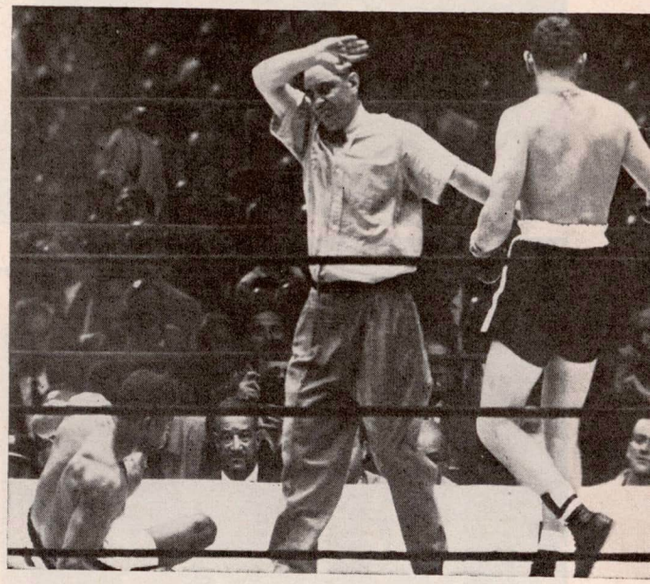




Left to right sequence shows Floyd Patterson being decked for the seventh and last time in the third round as Referee Ruby Goldstein moves in to stop the fight in order to save Patterson from receiving further punishment



Johansson was only the third man to knock the champ off his feet, the other two were Roy Harris and Pete Rademacher



Johansson's Stunning Knockout of Floyd Patterson With Seven Knockdowns In Third Round, Stuns Boxing World

LIKE a bolt from the skies, Ingemar Johansson, the Swede from Goteborg, the blue-eyed, soft-spoken, confident Viking whose ability was doubted by the Americans and the writers of his own country, tossed a right hand blow that was heard around the world. It was a shot of thunderous proportions that dropped Floyd Patterson, the defending champion, with a thud at the Yankee Stadium and started him on the road to defeat.

The unbeaten Swede had his hand raised in victory when Referee Ruby Goldstein waved the finish without a count in 2.03 as the defending title holder flopped to the canvas for the seventh time in the third round. It was a stunning defeat, a thrilling match dominated by the element of surprise.

For the first time in a quarter of a century a European now sits upon the richest throne in boxing, Primo Carnera having preceded him when he gained the crown from Max Baer. Though it was an ill-fated promotion for youthful Bill Rosensohn who from the day he signed the fight was hampered by writs, internal strife with D'Amato and his partner, Irving Kahn, the theatre television closed circuit king, and Jupiter Pluvius, he came through triumphantly by gaining possession of the future promotions of the new champion.

Henceforth he'll be the boss. He's now the Mike Jacobs and Tex Rickard of pugilism, holding the reins over the most coveted title bout. The promoter who had been reduced to an office boy and belittled by his former associate, D'Amato—and had been frozen out of the rich television spoils by Cus and his partner, Irving Kahn and the Tele PrompTer organization and had been hounded by every type of misfortune a promoter could face, now has the last laugh on all who stood in his path.

The promotion, although an artistic success, with the thrills that are expected in a championship match, was a financial failure. The paid attendance was only 18,215 due to a postponement and many obstacles the promoter had to overcome, and the total turnout was 21,961

But the receipts were high considering the adverse conditions with a gross of $470,712 and a net of $407,139. It was a D'Amato-plagued and suit-plagued production to which were added the woes of a postponement. Of the receipts, Johansson received $81,428 and Patterson, $122,142. But added to those sums were their share of television and radio and the movies, which should bring Ingemar an additional $230,000 and the dethroned king, $500,000 extra.

Johansson's future is exceedingly bright for the newly crowned king. He has a ninety days return bout contract with his victim, which he is ready to fulfill under the promotion of Rosensohn and which he would like to take place again at the Yankee Stadium. Rosensohn says he will attempt to put the fight on in late September but that if Patterson is not available, he has several others on whom he can call, preferably Roy Harris with whom he conferred before going on a little vacation.

Said Rosensohn when interviewed: *"I'll now be in a position to do the dictating, I've been kicked around, but no longer. I may have been the 'puppet-promoter' as some of the boxing writers called me, but I won't be for the return. I lost $40,000 on the Stadium battle, but it was well worth it. I had to waive the supplementary rights because of the greed of those in control of the champion or I wouldn't have had the promotion. But things will be different for the September bout. I alone hold the contract for that in which each fighter will share 30 percent and I'll get back my losses and expect to make a handsome profit in addition. That fight will be a natural if ever there was one,"* he continued, *"and the receipts will go into the million dollar class."*

The victory of Johansson brings boxing into a new era. Had Patterson won, Bill Rosensohn would have been through as a promoter and the D'Amato-Patterson-Kahn-Tele-Promp-Ter combine would have been securely entrenched. Now, however, Rosensohn is assured of continuation in boxing. Johansson is ready to honor his contract with Bill for a ninety day return match anytime Rosensohn is prepared to promote it.

Right now Ingemar is the hottest thing in pugilism. Handsome, boyish looking, fearless, powerful, an excellent mixer who sells himself readily to the public, he has overnight become a national hero in his own land and a most popular man in America. Henceforth we are certain there will be no more shenanigans, monkey shines, machinations, with greed, jealousy and double deals to thwart the progress of the sport.

There were seven knockdowns in the thrilling third round that ended the fight. It was a reminder of what had happened in the Toledo bout in which Jess Willard was shorn of his crown after being dropped that number in the opening round.

So easily did the blue-eyed Viking from Goteborg turn the tide after two rather sluggish rounds, that the 21,000 spectators and the largest gathering of newsmen ever to report a heavyweight championship match, couldn't believe their eyes. I gave Johansson the opening round and the second by a shade to Patterson.

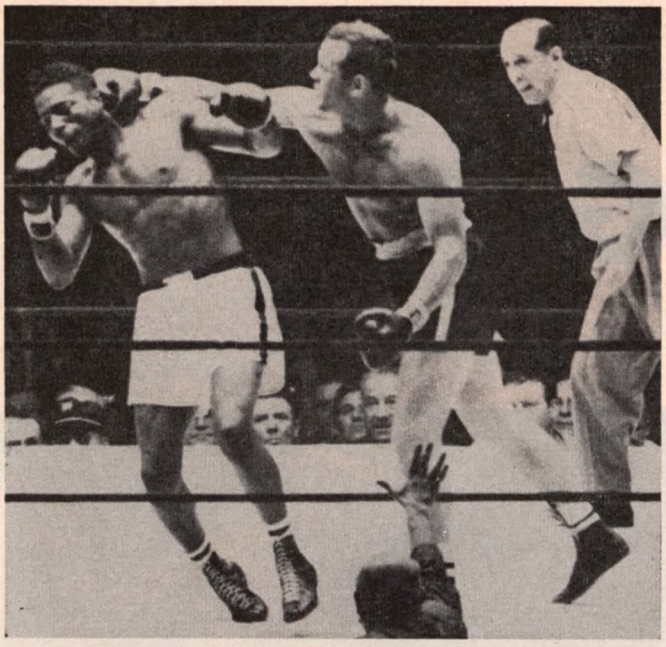
When Johansson's right exploded for the first knockdown, the gathering leaped to its feet and the Stadium was a wild scene. And when the bout ended, even the press section was invaded with a mob of howling, fanactical fans who raced forth to great the new king, who had struck with the Hammer of Thor to gain the crown. By his triumph, he became the first native-born Scandinavian to win the championship. Patterson had previously won it by knocking out Archie Moore.

Johansson's victory was one of the biggest upsets in recent years. A long shot, 5 to 1 against him, with few American takers, he ended the doubts about his powerful right which he never exhibited in training, by terminating the fight with the punch he had so frequently boasted would win for him. He had it on display only twice before the third, but the punches weren't tossed with the effectiveness that followed in the third round.

It was in the third that the writers who doubted his sincerity at camp when he so frequently remarked he definitely possessed a good right, realized that he hadn't been spoofing and that we all misjudged his true ability. In the second round when he threw his first right, as he later remarked, it was a test to see how his rival would react to it. As Patterson went to his corner following a second light right, he turned, looking somewhat angry at Ingemar, for some unknown reason, probably, as Johannsson later told his friends, because that right must have stung him.

But the fireworks were shot in the third. Twenty-seven seconds after the round had begun, Johansson unleashed his mighty, vicious right, a reminder of what Dempsey did in Toledo. He let go a straight right that hit Floyd with such force on nose and mouth, it could clearly be heard at the ringside, and down went the champion on his back, blood streaming over his face. Referee Ruby Goldstein counted nine before Floyd got to his feet, but so stunned was he, his mind seemed a blank as he strolled toward Johansson's corner, with back facing the challenger.

Groans and cheers, the former from Patterson's supporters, were heard throughout the Stadium. Floyd didn't know what had hit him. True to his prefight prediction that he would show his right when the opportunity warranted and he would use it to good advantage once he found the right opening, Ingemar made good his boast.

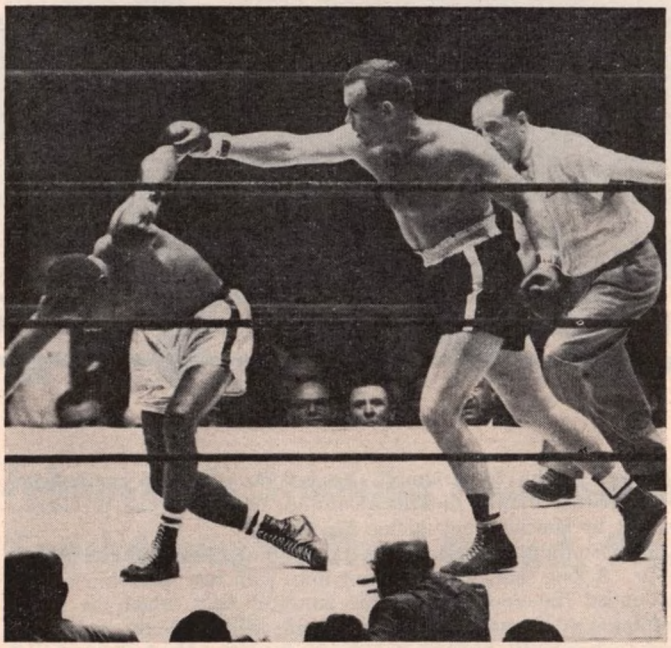


Johansson seen landing with his right, a Thor's Hammer that dropped a willing Patterson repeatedly and bludgeoned him into submission

Never before had any one seen Patterson so helpless as he was when he arose. He was glassy-eyed and his senses were dulled. He was definitely badly hurt as he strolled with hands down, unprotected, a clear sign that he was through for the evening. It was only a matter of seconds that he either would be knocked out or halted by the third man in the ring from taking further punishment.

Johansson didn't wait for instructions from the referee to get going again. He let loose a sort of round-house swing and a right to the head to put Floyd to the canvas a second time for another count of nine.

A right to the head with a downward sweep, followed as Patterson got to his feet again and for the third time the champion landed on the canvas now for a seven count. Floyd was goggle-eyed, his legs unable to carry his weight, but more from instinct than courage, up he came again and now Johansson was hot after the kill.

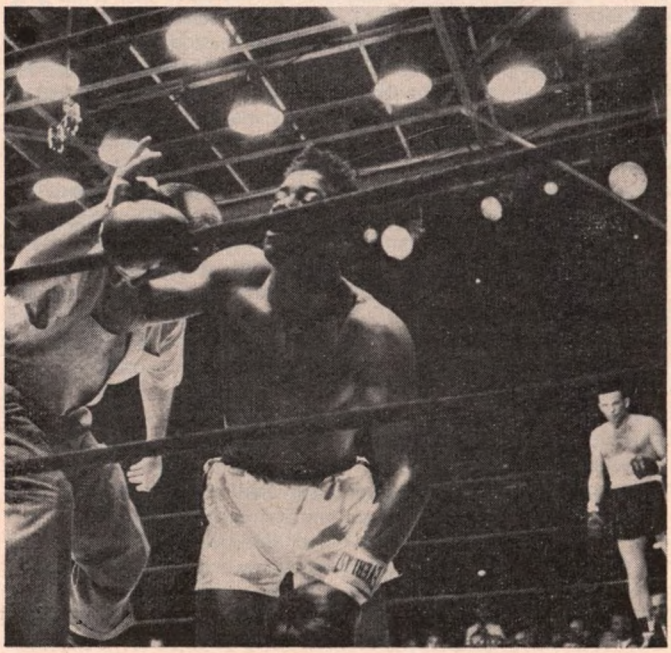


The third round answered two big questions that had been uppermost in the minds of sports experts for weeks. 1: Could Patterson take it on the chin, and 2: Could Johansson punch as advance press releases from Sweden claimed he could? Viz: Patterson's chin didn't stand up. . . . Johansson's right did

Like Dempsey and Schmeling of the old school, he gave his victim no chance to recuperate. He was on top of Floyd the moment he got to his feet and flashed out another right, aided with several lefts and twice more Patterson went down for counts of six and nine, respectively. The referee might just as well have ended it then since the champion's reflexes were gone. He was finished.

Floyd surprisingly made an attempt to fight back when he arose, but it was futile. He did succeed in getting two short, light lefts to the body, his first since the opening knockdown and his last. Ingemar stepped in, lashed out with two lefts and a right and the sixth knockdown ended with a seven count. The fifth was brought on by a punch and a shove but the sixth was clean cut.

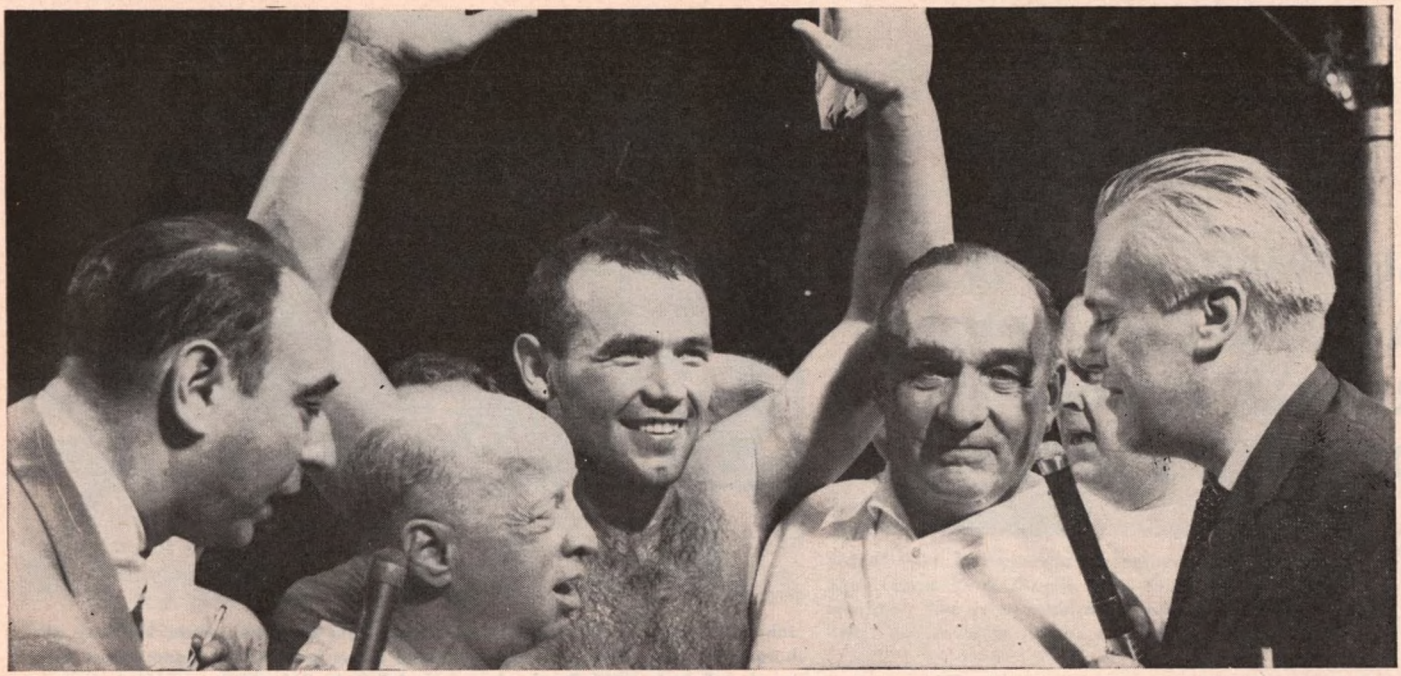
A two-fisted attack followed for the seventh and last one.



Patterson was game to the last. Here he is dazed, bewildered and near the end of his royal reign. He made it to his feet only to be smashed to the canvas seconds later for the final knockdown that resulted in referee Goldstein halting the bout in 2:03 of the third round and a new champ was crowned

Patterson dropped, exhausted, bleeding, as dead to the proceedings about him as if he were knocked into dreamland and the fight was over. Referee Goldstein correctly figured the champ had received sufficient punishment and opportunity to make a fight of it, and halted proceedings in 2.03, with Johansson proclaimed king of the division, a triumph he had well earned. He had proved that his method of training was the proper one for him and that we Americans had wrongly accused him of "dancing away his chances" to win a world title.

Johansson completely vindicated his stand that his unorthodox method of training prepared him properly and that his approach to the fight during the long weeks at Grossinger's camp when he was criticized by this writer and others for not following the camp routine practiced by past masters, was undeserved. In his training he often was awkward and never used his right and because of these faults, he failed to obtain the support of the American



Tumult broke loose as fight fans attempted to climb into the ring to congratulate the new champ of the heavyweights, Ingemar Johansson. He is seen surrounded by radio broadcasters and his seconds, Whitey Bimstein—second from left—and Edwin Ahlquist—second from right

writers and even most of his own Swedish scribes who picked Patterson as a sure winner.

We in America doubted that he could use an effective right despite what the Machen pictures showed, because of Johansson's refusal to practice with it in camp. But he proved to the vast Stadium crowd that he does possess one and a most devastating, cruel one. *"I have a right and will use it when I have to,"* he said in camp when criticized, *"and it is a real good one."*

We don't doubt that now. He numbed his opponent and battered him into helplessness.

It was the twenty-second victory in the 26 year old newly crowned king's all-over record and his fourteenth knockout—by far even more impressive than the one round kayo over Eddie Machen, the Number One world contender at the time. He had a fourteen pound weight advantage, 196 to 182.

For Patterson it was his second defeat, the other suffered at the hands of Joey Maxim before Floyd became champion. He has had 37 fights and Johansson is his third opponent who decked Floyd in title bouts. Peter Rademacher and Roy Harris did it previously.

Ingemar was the first Swede to challenge for a heavyweight title, the richest prize in pugilism. The Goteborg marvel, proved to all how wrong we were in declaring that because he had failed at any time to exhibit a right hand punch in camp, he really didn't possess enough power in it to do any damage.

Only once in the three rounds was there a clinch—in the second—when Johansson, following two high lefts to the forehead that seemed to jar him, held momentarily. The Swede's victory was as clear cut as any ever fought for the world's most lucrative crown. Only one heavyweight in recent years carried such TNT in his right as did Johansson against Patterson—That man was his pal and friend, Max Schmeling.

He should have no trouble taking the measure of Floyd again and of any of the heavyweights now rated among the world's top ten. There was power in that right of his such as not even Joe Louis, Dempsey or Rocky Marciano could have bettered.

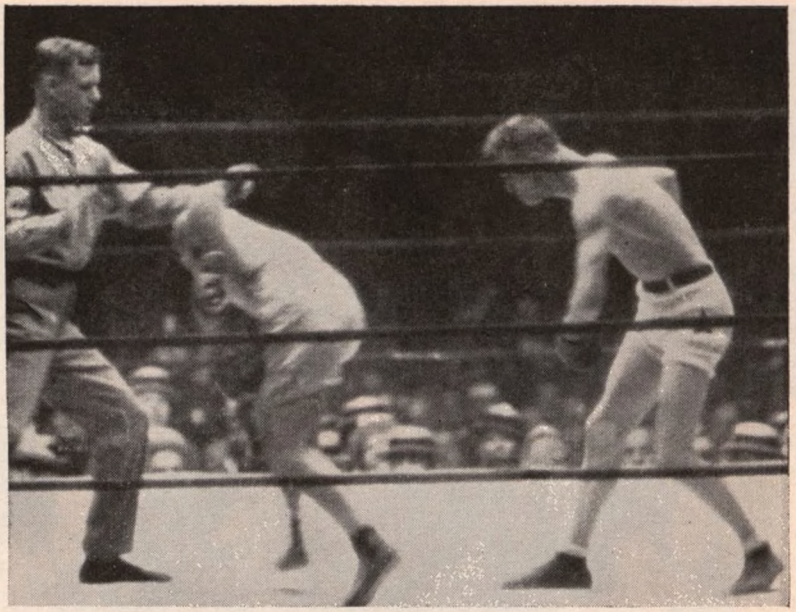
His strange method of training apparently has set a new style for Americans to copy since it proved so successful. Since he reached the heights via the unorthodox system he employed, we must admit that he fooled the experts who study style and technique.

After the bout, in a press interview, Whitey Bimstein, the only American in Ingemar's camp, let out the secret that the new champion had engaged in secret training daily at Grossinger's, after his public workouts and kept perfecting the right no one ever saw during the "open to all" workouts.

Eva Johansson, sister of the champ is seen adjusting rain hat on pretty head of Ingo's fiancee, the beautiful Birgitte Lundgren, during a shower before the title fight. She tossed hat into air when her man won the crown

What was it like in Sweden? This photo taken day after the contest shows a typical newsstand being mobbed by proud Vikings. Placard—upper left—announcing an extra—"all about how Johansson knocked out Patterson"

SUMMER ACTIVITY AMONG CHAMPIONS RIVALS BUSIEST OF PAST YEARS



Johnny Dundee, for whom the Junior Lightweight class was made, stumbles off balance after taking one of the few clean blows landed by Eugene Criqui during their fight in which Dundee became a full-fledged world champion by winning the featherweight crown from the Frenchman.

TITLES — HERE — THERE — EVERYWHERE

By AL BUCK

THE boxing schedule reads like an airline's time table. Take a plane from where you are to anywhere—Washington, New York, Tokyo, Los Angeles, Portland, Ore., Montreal—and there's action.

In L. A., bantamweight and featherweight title bouts will be staged. In Montreal Archie Moore is defending the world light-heavyweight crown a second time against Yon Durelle, durable French-Canadian fisherman. The first one was the fight of 1958.

Remember? Ancient Archie was knocked down four times, yet he came off the canvas to knockout Durelle! This one was worth a repeat.

In Portland, Ore., we have a family affair, at least a family venture. Denny Moyer is challenging Don Jordan for the world welterweight championship. The bout is being promoted by Denny's uncle, Tommy Moyer, a former fighter.

The activities in Los Angeles have an international flavor. Alphonse Halimi of Algiers, world bantamweight king, is risking the crown against Joe Becera of Mexico. Matchmaker George Parnassus relies on fans from south of the border to make the venture profitable.

Next comes the featherweight title fight in which Hogan (Kid) Bassey of Nigeria will try to regain his lost championship from Davey Moore. The Moores—Archie and Davey—are not related.

These are futures. Recently we had in Washington, Joe Brown successfully defending his lightweight title against Paolo Rosi and in Tokyo, Pascual Perez and Kenji Yonekura, flyweights, were matched while in New York, Floyd Patterson and Ingemar Johansson were booked for a heavyweight title battle.

Perez is from Argentina and Yonekura was a member of Japan's Olympic team. Rosi, now a United States citizen, was born in Rieti, Italy. Johansson was the first Swede to fight for the heavyweight crown.

The champions get around. This is due in part to television and to the fact that New York is no longer the world fistic capital. There are fewer small clubs than there used to be, but fighters were always on the move. Only in the long ago they travelled by train (some even rode the rods) and by boat. Today, it's almost all travelling by planes.

Few fought more often, or in as many different places, than Johnny Dundee. In 1919 his first seven fights were in Newark, Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Milwaukee, St. Paul, Portland, Me., and Philadelphia. Johnny made all the stops—Jersey City, Atlanta, Columbus, Trenton and New Orleans.

The revival of the junior welterweight class in Madison Square Garden, is a reminder that the junior divisions were created for Dundee. Unable to force Johnny Kilbane to defend the world featherweight championship, the New York Commission invented

the junior lightweight class (130 pounds) for Johnny. Later a junior welterweight class (140 pounds) was added. This title was held by Pinkey Mitchell, Tony Canzoneri and Barney Ross, among others.

Dundee thought nothing of fighting 25 or 30 times a year. He eventually got the chance to fight for and win the world featherweight championship from Eugene Criqui. It is doubtful if the famed Scotch Wop could find as many as 30 places in which to fight under present day conditions.

Harry Greb, the middleweight champion, was another traveling man. He was seen in Wheeling, W. Va., as well as in his native Pittsburgh. He fought in New York, and also in Akron, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Grand Rapids. Name the town and it is even money Greb, like Kilroy, was there.

Last summer when Patterson defended the heavyweight championship against Roy Harris in Los Angeles, it was recalled that Tommy Burns won the same title there by outpointing Marvin Hart. Burns defended it in London, Paris and Melbourne before losing to Jack Johnson in Sydney.

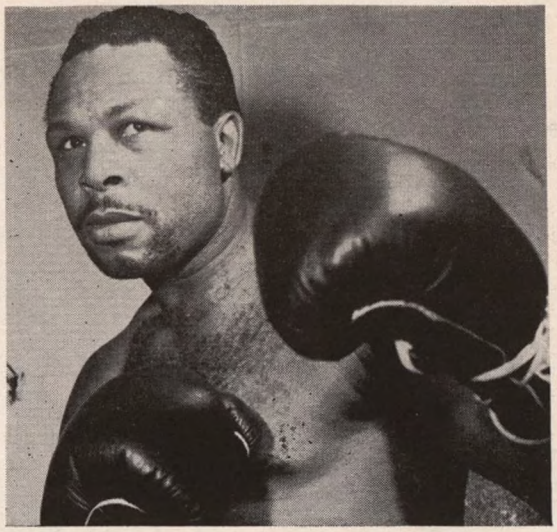
Patterson defended against Peter Rademacher in Seattle, and more recently knocked out Brian London in Indianapolis. It was ever thus, apparently.

For instance, Jess Willard won the heavyweight championship from Johnson in Havana, and lost it to Jack Dempsey in Toledo. The Dempsey-Georges Carpentier fight, first to draw a million-dollar gate, was held in Jersey City. When Dempsey lost the crown to Gene Tunney it was in Philadelphia.

Rocky Marciano took the championship from Jersey Joe Walcott by knocking him out in Philadelphia. Walcott got it by knocking out Ezzard Charles in Pittsburgh.

When Joe Louis was heavyweight champion, Mike Jacobs promoted what was called the "Bum of the Month tour." Bomber Joe knocked out Al McCoy in Boston, Red Burman in New York, Gus Dorazio in Philadelphia, Abe Simon in Detroit, and Tony Musto in St. Louis. He won on a foul from Buddy Baer in Washington.

Former light heavyweight king Maxie Rosenbloom, a busy champion who put his crown on the line eight times in the four years he ruled the roost. Maxie was a great crowd pleaser with his colorful style.



World light heavyweight champion Archie Moore who again faces Yvon Durelle in a title bout this month in Montreal. This is a rematch of last year's "Fight of the Year" and could be just as exciting as their first clash.

Louis won the title from James J. Braddock in Chicago, and when he met defeat fighting Charles, it was in New York.

Tex Rickard was first heard of as the promoter of the Battling Nelson-Joe Gans fight in Goldfield, Nevada. He promoted the Johnson-Jim Jeffries fight in Reno, and died while attempting to promote the Jack Sharkey-Young Stribling battle in Miami Beach, Fla. Tex's biggest promotions, the two Dempsey-Tunney fights, were in Philadelphia and Chicago respectively.

Henry Armstrong, the triple champion, was an exception. He won the featherweight title from Petey Sarron, the welterweight from Barney Ross and the lightweight from Lou Ambers, all in New York City. He lost two of the titles, the lightweight back to Ambers and the welterweight to Fritzie Zivic, also in New York.

Henry was a fighter who got around. He went out to Los Angeles and drew with Ceferino Garcia in a fight for the middleweight title, or at least a version of it. Armstrong campaigned in Portland, Ore., Phoenix, Minneapolis, Buffalo, San Francisco, Pittsburg, Cleveland, not to mention London and Havana. Henry missed few towns of importance.

When Tony Canzoneri was getting ready to defend either of his two titles, featherweight and lightweight, he would engage in tuneups in the small New York clubs. This served a double purpose. Tony would sharpen his skills and at the same time bail out the promoters for the year.

A fighter couldn't do that now, even if he wanted to. The only clubs outside the Garden operating in New York City are the St. Nicholas Arena and Sunnyside Gardens. This can be blamed on TV, although night trotting and night baseball have been contributing factors.

Another champion who was always on the move was Maxie-Slapsie Rosenbloom, once the light-heavyweight king. He made such spots as Jeffersonville, Ind., Winston-Salem, N. C., and Springfield, Ill.

Maxie-Slapsie was in action with regularity. He

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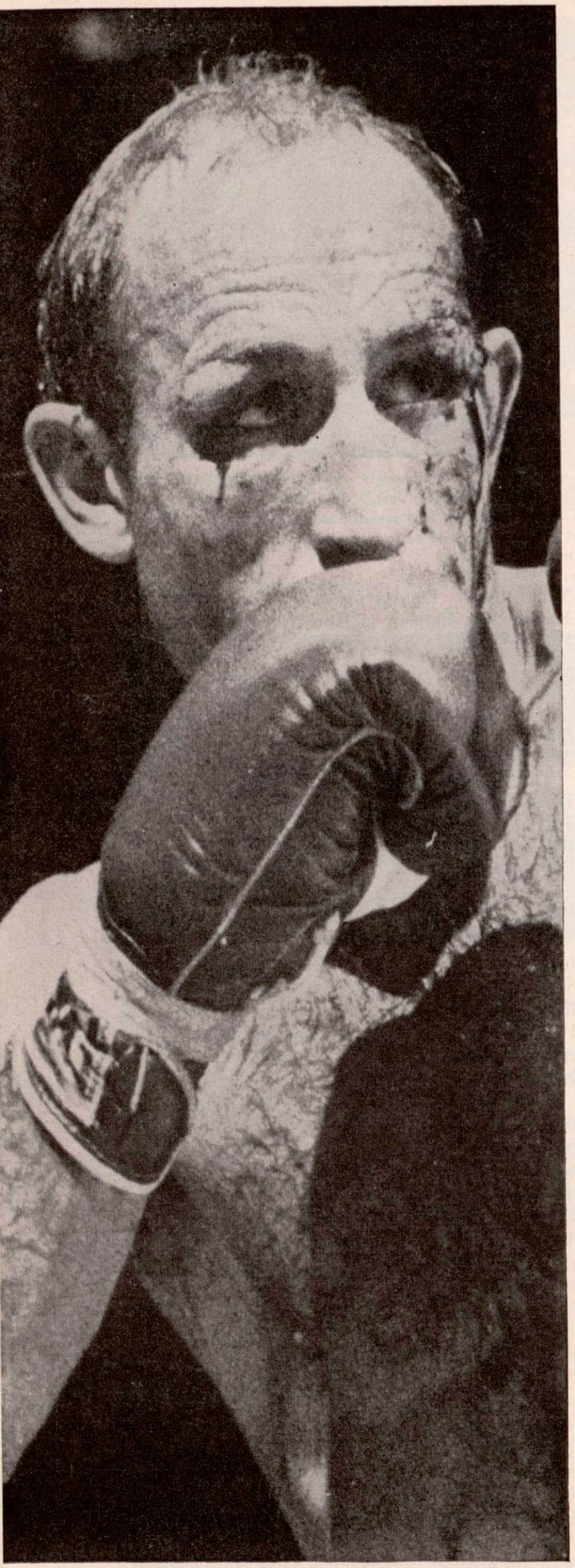


Paolo Rosi of Italy, challenging for the world lightweight title, had held the champion on even grounds throughout the fight but severe cuts on the eyes, which bled profusely, stopped the bout after the eighth round had been concluded.

CUTS SAVE BROWN'S TITLE

Deep Wounds Inflicted On Challenger Paolo Rosi, End Bout In Ninth Round With Cards Of Officials Showing A Draw When Hostilities Terminated

By NAT FLEISCHER

TRUE to the prediction of those who follow boxing closely, the fight for the world lightweight championship in the Uline Arena of Washington, D. C. was stopped at the end of the eighth round after two ringside physicians had agreed that a jagged gusher over Paolo Rosi's left eye made it too dangerous for him to continue.

With that severe handicap and a deep cut over the other eye, Rosi's attempt to gain the crown came to a speedy end and Joe Brown of Houston, Texas, retained his laurels in his seventh title defense. He made his hundredth bout a knockout triumph.

More than a minute had elapsed after the bell should have sounded for the ninth round before the medicos put an end to the proceedings. Because of that and the fact that the contest was fought in N.B.A. territory, the official decision is recorded as a ninth round knockout. In National Boxing Association states, a bout halted between rounds, is listed as a technical knockout in the succeeding round.

Lucky for the champion that he suddenly changed his style from retreating and counter-punching to stand-up fighting, or in all probability he would have lost his crown if we are to judge by the cards of the officials up to the time of the stoppage. At that period Referee Charley Reynolds had the champion behind by five points and two rounds, with Judge Harry Volkman's tally for the defending title holder, and Judge Norval Lee holding out for a draw. My score favored Brown 77 to 71.

Brown's only casualties were lumps on the forehead caused by Rosi's head butts for one of which in the third round, the Italian apologized. It was not Brown's fighting ability that earned for him the victory so much as Rosi's wounds. A tendency to cut around his jutting brows have handicapped Rosi throughout his career and in this bout, the tender-tissued Italian suffered his greatest loss because of it.

Though Rosi fumed and lambasted his opponent with unkind remarks in his dressing room interviews, declaring that the cuts were due to Brown's butts, ringside experts to a man registered the heavy damage to solid blows landed by the title holder. One powerful right that struck just above the left eye, started Rosi on the road to defeat.

It brought the blood spurting and in seconds, Rosi's face was a gory mask. Rosi insisted that it was a butt that caused the damage but 33 years old Brown couldn't accept that point.

"I'll agree with Rosi that I didn't fight my best until I opened up in the eighth, but as for butting, look at my head, feel the bumps, and see who did the butting," Brown remarked when informed of Rosi's squawk.

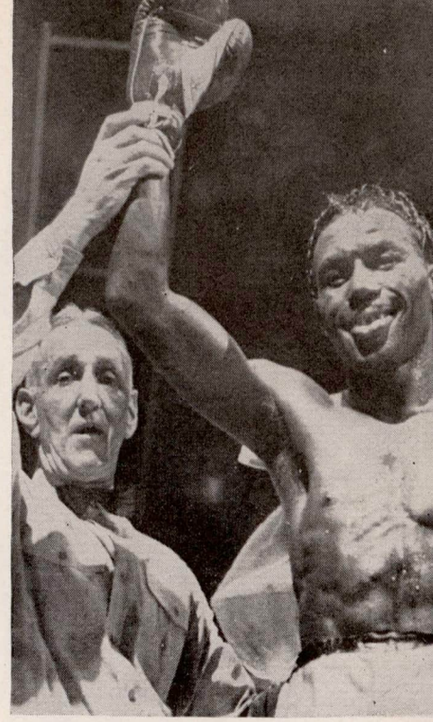
Asked what he had in mind now that he has disposed of the third ranking lightweight and already had defeated Kenny Lane, the Number One contender, and Johnny Busso, Brown replied:

"For three years now I've been a fighting champion. I think I've earned a little vacation. My mother and father are ill and I take care of them. My family would like to have me with them so I think I'll take a rest for three months before defending again," he said.

Whom would he like to meet? *"That's up to my manager, Lou Viscusi. If he thinks Rosi deserves another chance since the bout was close up to the time I was declared the winner, I'll be happy to give him another chance. But Kenny Lane and Carlos Ortiz, who are ranked by the Ring as the top two contenders, are meeting each other, that really is an elimination contest and whoever wins that fight definitely should be considered a perfect challenger."*

Brown edged Lane in a title bout on July 23, 1958. He won by a hairline decision, pulling the chestnuts out of the fire by a last minute rally in the final round. Either Lane or Ortiz would be an excellent attraction in Texas.

Discussing the votes of the officials, particularly the variance in the vote of the referee and the judges, Charley Reynolds declared that he gave Rosi his margin because of his aggressiveness. *"He made the action all the way,"* he said.



World Lightweight Champion Joe Brown, who successfully defended his title for the seventh time. One of the most active of the title-holders, Brown now looks forward to a brief vacation before thinking of another title bout.

That Rosi was the aggressor, could not be denied. But he missed frequently as he leaped forward tossing his left. Aside from that aggressiveness, he did little to outscore the champion.

Brown likewise was wild. Many of his punches hit the ozone but he inflicted far more damage than did his opponent. It tok Joey six rounds before he could fathom the style of the challenger. He tried to meet Paolo's attack by taking two steps back then countering but this was to no avail.

Then came a change. Trainer Bill Gore, who handled the champion, told Brown to remain in one spot to catch Rosi as he leaped forth and it was that advice that turned the tables.

Brown came out for the eighth round with right hand poised. As Paolo advanced, a swift right cross caught him above the left eye and ripped open an awesome gash. The claret blinded the challenger.

He rubbed away the blood with his glove and caused the flow to spurt more freely. It was then obvious that the end had arrived since in a previous round the crimson flow came from a cut over the right eye.

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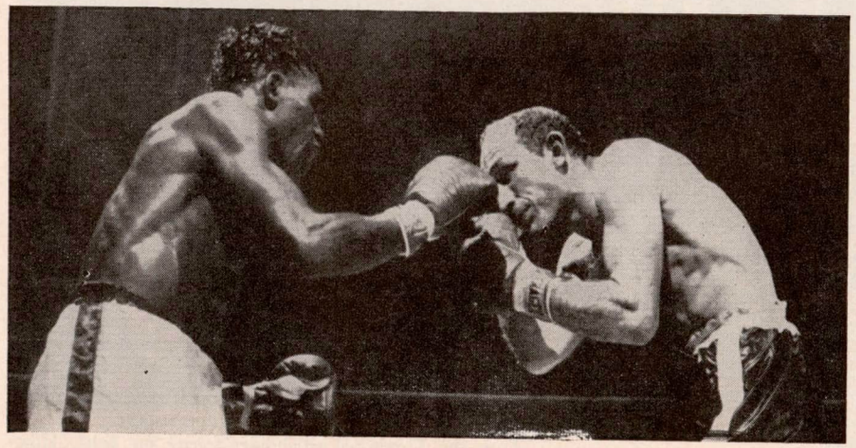
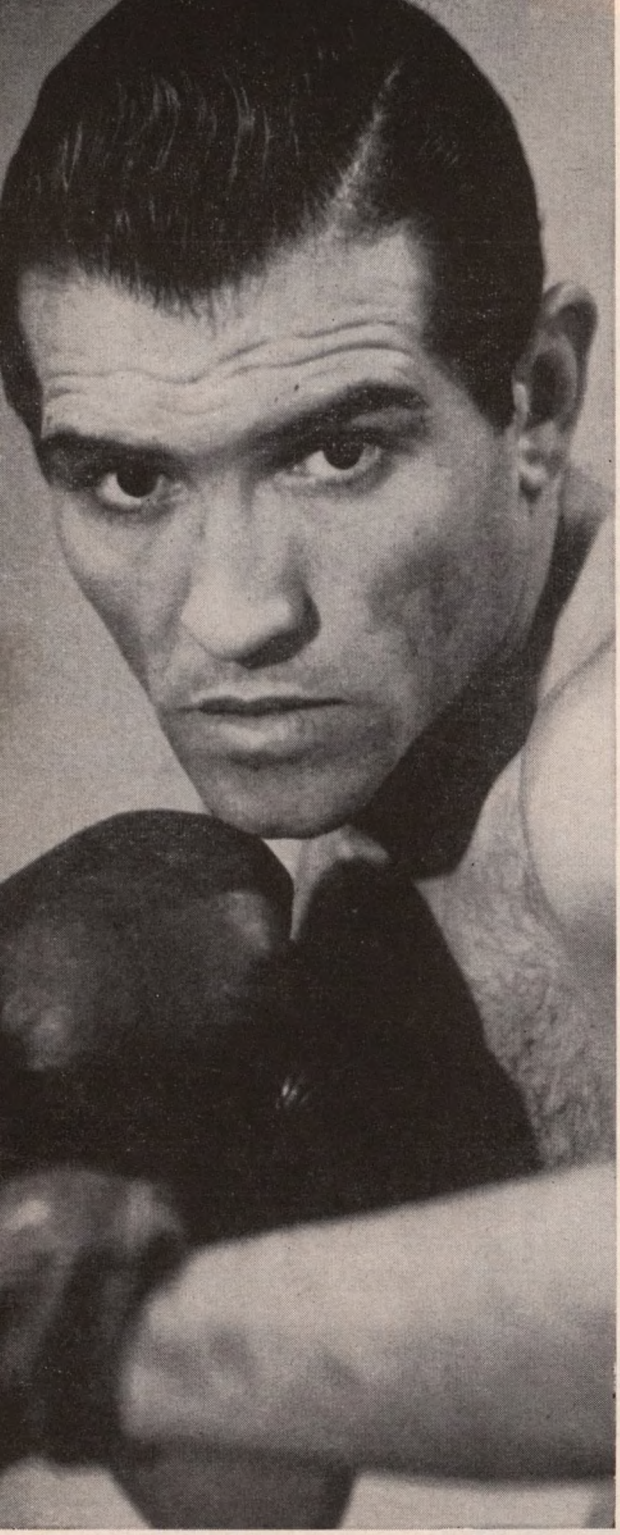


Joe Brown (left) saved his title and brought victory with damaging right hand blows which opened up deep cuts on challenger Paolo Rosi's left eye. Rosi was also cut on the right eye.



MIGHTY MITE

PASCUAL PEREZ, FLYWEIGHT CHAMP, DOMINATES CLASS WITH BRILLIANT RING RECORD

By MURRAY ROSE

IT'S better than 25,000 to 1 that a professional fighter won't go through his career undefeated. Of the hundreds of thousands of boxers who have slipped on the padded mitts, only four have managed to escape without an "L" on their records.

According to Nat Fleischer's magnificent Record Book, the four unbeatens, all champions, are heavyweight Rocky Marciano, lightweight Jack McAuliffe, and bantamweights Jimmy Barry and Jimmy Carruthers. And only Marciano, the Brockton Bomber, and Carruthers, of Australia, achieved perfect records, without even a draw to mar their slates.

These four also are among the 15 greats of the ring who ascended to a world championship without a defeat to blemish their imposing records.

Pascual Perez, Argentina's Mighty Mite, is one of the immortal 15. And if you had to pick any fighter in the past ten years to go through a lifetime unbeaten, Perez would have had to be the nomination.

For the tiny flyweight champion dominated the 112-pound division like a skyscraper over a two-story house. World champion since 1954, victor in seven official title defenses—more than any other flyweight king—and possessor of a brilliant record of 48 victories and one draw, the little fellow with a big sock appeared to be invincible.

But it takes more than remarkable ability to scrape through without a licking. It takes luck, too. Dame Fortune finally caught up with Pascualito, as he is known in his native Argentina, in Tokyo last January 16.

Sadao Yaoita, of Japan a 4-1 underdog, surprised Perez on a night when the champion apparently wasn't close to par. The 23-year-old Japanese, Oriental champion and ranked fifth among the contenders, scored a stunning upset. He was awarded the unanimous decision after ten dullish rounds in a non-title fight before 6,000 fans in the Metropolitan gym.

Perez' manager, Lazaro Koci, screamed the Spanish equivalent of *"We wuz robbed."*

"It was a bad decision by the referee and judges," shouted Koci. *"How can a boxer win by running away?"*

True, the 32-year-old titleholder forced the fight. How-

ever, he seemed, to some observers, to be under wraps. Thre were no knockdowns and not until the eight round were there any fireworks.

Yaoita, who weighed 112½ pounds to the champion's 110, scored most of his points with light counter-punches. But in the middle of the eighth he smashed a left and right to Pascual's head and followed with a solid left to the body. When Perez rallied briefly, Sadao snapped his head back with a right uppercut to the jaw. Overall there wasn't much to be said about the fight.

The winner was happy but wary.

"It was just luck," said Sadao. *"I had the feeling he was holding back. The next time it may not be like that."*

Nevertheless it goes into the books as a defeat, the first "L" next to Perez' name. For Yaoita the feat brought a promotion from fifth contender to No. 1 challenger.

DEFEATED SHIRAI FOR TITLE

Until that shocker, the closest Perez had come to defeat since he turned professional in 1952, was his ten round draw in a non-title fight with Yoshio Shirai, then the champion, at Buenos Aires, July 24, 1954.

On November 26 of the same year, the swarthy Argentinan made up for that tie by decisively outpointing the tall, pencil-thin Japanese in Tokyo to win the title. He has held his title longer than any current champion with the exception of ancient Archie Moore.

Pascual's record would have been more impressive than all the others—that is if he had gone on unbeaten—when you consider his long journeys. He traveled to Tokyo to knock the crown off Shirai's brow, and he knocked out Yoshio in his first defense in the same city.

Perez risked his title in Montevideo, Uruguay, Caracas, Venezuela, and lastly against Filipino Dommy Ursua in Manila. That's like putting your head in a hungary lion's mouth. Try and recall how many world champions risked their precious crowns in the lairs of leading challengers!

Yet Perez and his manager, Lazaro Koci, were so confident of Pascualito's ability that they didn't hesitate to go abroad for the big purses waved at them.

There were other reasons, in addition to the lure of the long green, that sent the big-chested, sturdy-legged champion on his travels.

He was and still is a good friend of ousted dictator Juan Peron. Pascual makes no bones about it, either. Peron liked to mix with athletes from his own country as well as others when he was dictator from 1945 to 1955. He helped Perez along the long road to the title. It didn't hurt Peron with the shirtless ones, either, when he was linked with the country's top stars. The Argentineans are great sports fans.

When Pascual won the Olympic crown at London in 1948, the dictator gave him a house. It was welcome indeed. For Perez was the second youngest of nine children in an extremely poor family. When Pascual had to travel for fights, Peron made funds available.

At the time rumors started flying that Peron would be overthrown, Perez was quoted as saying if the dictator was ousted, he would renounce his title. After Peron fell and Perez did not abdicate his fistic throne, he was asked about the statement. Perez said he was misquoted.

But when Peron went into exile in Ciudad Trujillo, Perez visited him there several times. And after he defeated Ramon Arias in a title fight in Caracas last year, Venezuela asked Perez to leave the country. Venezuelan officials claimed the champion was dabbling in politics for his friend Peron. This Perez denied.

Just what his status is in Argentina is not entirely clear. He hasn't returned to his native land for many months. He was involved in a traffic accident in Buenos Aires. He was driving his car when it hit a motorcycle rider and killed him. The case was ruled an accident and Perez was released.

However, he is wanted by the court for further ques-

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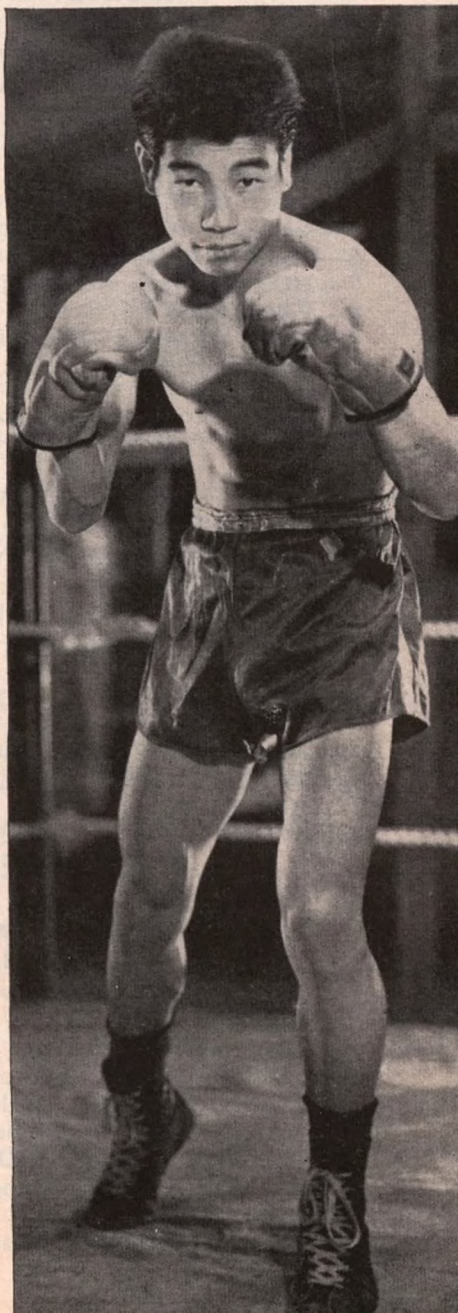

Sadao Yaoita, Oriental flyweight champion, who scored one of the biggest upsets in years when he defeated the seemingly invicible Pascual Perez in a ten-round non-title bout.

My Cup of Tea! Pascual Perez (right), world flyweight champion, got back on his winning ways by defeating Kenji Konekura (with whom he sips tea) in a ten rounder at Tokyo.

By NAT FLEISCHER

WORLD RATINGS

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING JUNE 26

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
INGEMAR JOHANSSON, Sweden

1—**FLOYD PATTERSON,** Rockville Center, L. I.
2—**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
3—**HENRY COOPER,** England
4—**SONNY LISTON,** Philadelphia
5—**EDDIE MACHEN,** Redding, Calif.
6—**ROY HARRIS,** Cut and Shoot, Texas
7—**CHARLEY POWELL,** San Diego, Cal.
8—**WILLIE PASTRANO,** Miami, Fla.
9—**ALONZO JOHNSON,** Pittsburgh, Pa.
10—**JOE ERSKINE,** Wales

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
RAY ROBINSON, New York, N. Y.

1—**CARMEN BASILIO,** Chitanango, N. Y.
2—**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
3—**SPIDER WEBB,** Chicago, Ill.
4—**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
5—**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
6—**JOEY GIAMBRA,** San Francisco, Cal.
7—**HOLLY MIMS,** Washington, D. C.
8—**PAUL PENDER,** Boston, Mass.
9—**GENE ARMSTRONG,** Elizabeth, N. J.
10—**RALPH JONES,** Yonkers, N. Y.

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
JOEY BROWN, New Orleans, La.

*1—**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N. Y.
2—**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
3—**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
4—**JOHNNY GONSALVES,** Oakland, Calif.
5—**JOHNNY BUSSO,** New York, N. Y.
6—**DAVE CHARNLEY,** England
7—**PAUL ARMSTEAD,** Los Angeles, Cal.
8—**MAURO VAZQUEZ,** Mexico
9—**WILLIE TOWEEL,** South Africa
10—**GUY GRACIA,** France

*Junior Welter NBA and New York Champion.

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
ALPHONSE HALIMI, France

1—**JOE BECERRA,** Mexico
2—**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
3—**JOSE LOPEZ,** Mexico
4—**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
5—**MARIO D'AGATA,** Italy
6—**DANNY KID,** Philippines
7—**MANUEL ARMENTEROS,** Mexico
8—**FREDDIE GILROY,** Ireland
9—**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
10—**JUAN CURDENAS,** Spain

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Cal.

1—**YVON DURELLE,** Canada
2—**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
3—**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
4—**JESSE BOWDRY,** St. Louis, Mo.
5—**TONY ANTHONY,** New York, N. Y.
6—**SONNY RAY,** Chicago, Ill.
7—**MIKE HOLT,** South Africa
8—**JOHNNY HALAFAHI,** Tonga
9—**CHIC CALDERWOOD,** Scotland
10—**JERRY LUEDEE,** New Haven, Conn.

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
DON JORDAN, Los Angeles, Calif.

1—**SUGAR HART,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2—**DENNY MOYER,** Portland, Oregon
3—**CHARLEY SCOTT,** Philadelphia, Pa.
4—**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
5—**VIRGIL AKINS,** St. Louis, Mo.
6—**DEL FLANAGAN,** St. Louis, Mo.
7—**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
8—**NINO RODRIQUEZ,** Cuba
9—**GASPER ORTEGA,** Mexico
10—**RUDELL STITCH,** Louisville, Ky.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
DAVEY MOORE, Springfield, O.

1—**HOGAN (Kid) BASSEY,** Nigeria
2—**RICARDO GONZALEZ,** Argentina
3—**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
4—**PAUL JORGENSEN,** Port Arthur, Texas
5—**GRACIEU LAMPERTI,** France
6—**SERGIO CAPRARI,** Italy
7—**IKE CHESTNUT,** New York, N. Y.
8—**HAROLD GOMES,** Providence, R. I.
9—**MANOLO GARCIA,** Spain
10—**RAFIU KING,** Nigeria

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)

WORLD CHAMPION
PASCUAL PEREZ, Argentina

1—**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
2—**PONE KINGPETCH,** Thailand
3—**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
4—**MINUM BEL ALI,** Spain
5—**DOMMY URSUA,** Philippines
6—**RAMON CALATAYUD,** Venezuela
7—**YOUNG MARTIN,** Spain
8—**JOE MEDEL,** Mexico
9—**KENJI YONEKURA,** Japan
10—**JOHNNY CALDERWELL,** Ireland

Ingemar Johansson
Fighter of the Month

Ingemar Johansson's upset victory gained for him not only the world heavyweight title but also The Ring Magazine's award as Fighter of The Month, an honor he well deserves.

The heavyweight division has several other changes, among them the elimination of Nino Valdes of Cuba who was defeated by Alonzo Johnson of Pittsburgh. His elimination makes room for Roy Harris of Cut and Shoot who has returned to his previous position in sixth, based on his one-sided triumph over Charley Powell of San Diego. Charley has been dropped from sixth to seventh, Willie Pastrano of Miami from seventh to eighth and Joe Erskine of England, to tenth from eighth place.

Several newcomers are listed. In the bantam class, Eder Joffre of Brazil becomes the first of his nation to be ranked. His defeat of Leo Espinosa places him in the ninth spot. Danny Kid of the Philippines has advanced from seventh to sixth in that class and Manual Armenteros of Mexico changed places with him while Al Asuncion of the Philippines, loser to Freddie Gilroy of Ireland, has been eliminated as has Ernesto Miranda. Juan Cardenas of Spain has been added and is tenth.

The flyweight class finds two new names in Kenji Yonekura, champion of Japan, who is listed ninth and Johnny Caldwell of Ireland, rated tenth. They replace Mario De Leon of Mexico and Carlos Miranda of Argentina, each of whom has been dropped out of the select circles.

Though Carmen Basilio has been idle, he retains the leading post among the middlweights with Gene Fullmer, since they are matched for an N.B.A. title fight. Joey Giambra of San Francisco, advanced from ninth to sixth, taking the post occupied previously by Holly Mims who dropped to seventh, with Gene Armstrong losing ground also, from seventh to ninth. Joey Giardello advances to fourth.

There have been many changes in the welter class. Virgil Akins, losing to Luis Rodriguez of Cuba, was dropped from the number one spot to fifth, with newcomer Rodriguez placed eighth. Del Flanagan, No. 3, was kayoed by middleweight Joey Giardello and dropped to sixth. Denny Moyer, Charley Scott and Ralph Dupas accordingly move up to second, third and fourth. Isaac Logart, loser to Sugar Hart, is removed from the ratings, having been in tenth spot. Gaspar Ortega and Rudell Stitch each drop down one, to ninth and tenth.

Harold Johnson, long the number one contender for light heavyweight honors, has been replaced by Yvon Durelle of Canada who is to fight Archie Moore for the light heavyweight crown. Johnson is now listed second.

Tony Anthony of New York, defeated in an upset by Jesse Bowdry of St. Louis, lost his high standing. He was dropped from fourth to fifth, Jesse taking his place.

The only changes in the feather class are in second and third posts, Flash Elorde of the Philippines, and Ricardo Gonzalez of Argentina, exchanging places.

Carlos Ortiz of New York, who stopped Kenny Lane of Muskegon, Michigan in the revived Junior Welterweight class, is now listed number one contender for the lightweight title, with Lane changing places with him.

Paul Armstead of Los Angeles advanced to seventh post with Mauro Vazquez of Mexico up two pegs from tenth to eighth and Willie Toweel down from seventh to ninth. Guy Gracia of France is now listed tenth.

PROSPECTS OF THE MONTH

HEAVYWEIGHTS—Ikka Koski, Finland
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS—Pat Byrne, Scotland
MIDDLEWEIGHTS—Johnny Otto, Hyannis, Mass.
WELTERWEIGHTS—Eddie Wood, Philadelphia, Pa.
LIGHTWEIGHTS—Johnny Bizzarro, Erie, Pa.
FEATHERWEIGHTS—Stanley Wilson, Panama
BANTAMWEIGHTS—Kong Foo, Malaya
FLYWEIGHTS—Jesus Garcia, Brownsville, Texas

Here are the major bouts of the month:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Roy Harris outpointed Charlie Powell, 10. Eddie Machen outboxed Reuben Vargas, 10. Alonzo Johnson upset Nino Valdes, 10. Alex Miteff defeated Wayne Bethea, 10.

Paul Andrews returned to action after a long layoff and defeated Duke Sabedong, 10. Argentine champion Rinaldo Ansaloni stopped Ricardo Gonzalez, 5. Alfredo Zuany defeated Alvin Williams, 10.

Cleveland Williams sotpped Ernie Cab, 8. Buddy Turman defeated Bob Cleroux, 8. Willi Besmanoff defeated Alvin Williams, 10.

Art Swiden outscored Ollie Wilson, 10. Joe Hemphill stopped Toxie Hall, 7. Dave Rent stopped Frederico Frisco, 8. Mino Bozzano kayoed Rocky Brown, 1.

Roy Smith won from Andy Isaacs, 8. Earl Atley kayoed Terry Lewis, 1. Don Warner kayoed Rudy Watkins, 4. Billy Fields and Keith King drew, 8. Herman Henry kayoed Sandy Assogna, 5.

Ray Phillips kayoed Isadore Birch, 1. Emil Brtko kayoed Johnny Pratt, 4. Cleve Graham and Eddie Jackson, drew.

John Riggins stopped Tony Emanuel, 5. Curley Lee kayoed Franklin Haynes, 5. Tom McNeely kayoed Jeff Holmes, 2. Jerry Tomasetti defeated Bob Harris 6. Dean Bogany defeated Johnny Twohads, 6. Willi Besmanoff decisioned Mike DeJohn, 10.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Jesse Bowdry upset Tony Anthony, 10. Jerry Luedee kayoed Charley Pavlis, 1. Billy Ryan outscored Harry Hall, 8.

Roque Maravilla defeated Calvin Brad, 10. Orville Pitts stopped Jimmy Welch, 7. Sante Amonti retained Italian title by holding Rocco Mazzolo to draw, 12. John Bonner ko'ed Chuck Garrett, 3.

Spanish champion Mariano Echevarria retained title beating Vicente Serra, 12. Bobby Stininato defeated Dave Shoulders, 10. Monroe Ratliff stopped Willie Gilbert, 2. Joe Gomes upset Don Prout, 8. Joe Dorsey beat Billy Tisdale, 10.

Johnny Jenkins won from Harvey Taylor, 8. Leen Jansen retained Dutch title by stopping Willy Schagen, 9. Kirk Barrow outlasted Clyde Watson, 8.

Paul Roux won from Francois Kania, 10. Karl Mildenberger stopped Jacques Bro, 5. Bob McKinney stopped Bobby Harris, 4. Clay Thomas defeated John Knight, 6.

Wadell Hanna kayoed Floyd McCoy, 2. Floyd Buchanan kayoed Benny Doyle, 4. Satch Jamiel stopped Girard Minor, 3, and beat Ted Lancaster, 6. John Balla kayoed Lou Gill, 2.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Joey Giambra outboxed Ralph (Tiger) Jones, 10. Yama Bahama defeated Roy Sheppard 8, and Andy Mayfield, 8. George Benton whipped Bobby Boyd, 10.

Hank Casey outpointed Orlondo DePietro, 12. Rory Calhoun and British Empire champion Dick Tiger drew, 10. Jimmy Martinez outboxed Karl-Heinz Guder, 10. Guder stopped Kid Rayo, 8.

Japanese champion Hachiro Tatsumi retained title beating Fumio Katzu, 10. Peter Muller decisioned Randy Sandy, 10.

Ted Wright stopped Bruno Fortilli, 6. Rolf Peters outfought Germinal Ballarin, 10. Sisto Tisselli won on a disqualification over Gene Johns, 9.

Max Resch kayoed Henri van Berkum, 2. Ramon Chavez beat Raul Gonzalez, 8. Raul then kayoed Luis Soto, 8. Jesse Smith stopped Bobby Hughes, 2, and Eddie Sims, 8, while Hughes beat Oscar Burton, 10, and Billy Tisdale, 8.

Jimmy Hegerle stopped Jim Sargent, 7. Charley McCreary stopped Levi Pearson, 5. Nick Kovac defeated Billy Mays, 8.

Doug Jones kayoed Gunner Doerner, 2. Willie Green kayoed Charlie Alford, 1, and Gene Hamilton, 3.

Wayne Thornton decisioned Torro Zaens, 6. Sonny Ingram kayoed Chico Gomez, 5. Jimmy Monts stopped JoJo White, 2. Julie Jamison defeated Joe Fusco, 6.

Otto Smith defeated Milton Epps, 6. Al Avant stopped Skippy Green, 6. Lee Ballard bested Almer Shippe, 6.

Johnny Griffiths beat Alf Grant, 6. Tony Bell beat Harvey Lammers, 6. Johnny Houston beat Cleo Frazier, 6.

Billy Tisdale and Ted Meeks drew, 5. Rocky Fumerelle outscored Jay Anderson, 8. Sonny Hill kayoed Jimmy Campbell, 3. Ernie Gibson kayoed J. C. Johnson, 2. Joey Giardello kayoed Del Flanagan, 1.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Sugar Hart outscored Isaac Logart, 10.

Mick Leahy upset British Empire champion George Barnes, 12, but lost to Joe N'gidi, 12. Benny Paret upset Rudy Sawyer, 10.

Cirilo Gil defeated Ramon Paz, 10. Stan Harrington won from Charlie (Tombstone) Smith, 10.

Art Aragon kayoed Rocky Caballero, 3, and Hank Davis, 5. Phil Moyer stopped Chico Cirino, 5. Adalberto Ochoa kayoed Miguel Castro, 5, and beat Arturo Gonzalez, 10.

Kid Fichique stopped Diogenes Sagarra, 6, and beat Sal Hernandez, 10. Marcelo Vargas outscored Jorge Castro, 10, and kayoed Mike Ponce, 4. Guy Sumlin defeated Tony Dupas, 10.

Tony DiBiase decisioned George Monroe, 10. Al (Duke) Malone whipped Andrew Brown, 10. Emilie Griffith bested Willie Stevenson, 10.

Mel Barker and Juan Padilla drew, 10. Arnoldo Gil won on a disqualification over Enrique Arriola, 6. Pedro Gonzalez stopped Mario Sandoval, 2.

Everardo Armenta won from Enrique Esqueda, 10. Jacques Herbillon retained French title for third time in three months by outpointing Michel Francois, 15. Pichon Reyes and Ranchero Ruiz drew, 10.

Graham Holmes stopped Charlie Washington, 9. Dick Goldstein stopped Jimmy McCoy, 9. Tony DeCola beat Bobby Pena, 8. Ed Cates defeated Cal Campbell, 10.

Lenny Sparks kayoed Doug Turnbull, 1, and Roy Steele, 6. Curtis Cokes and Rip Randall drew, 6. Hank Georgio stopped Miguel Lopez, 3, and beat Don Vincent, 6.

Ray Portilla stopped Jimmy Burns, 2. Alfonso Ortiz beat Camilio Flores, 6. Camilio lost on a disqualification to Memo Ayon, 4, while Ortiz beat Mario Sandoval, 6. Renato Torres stopped Jose Campos, 2.

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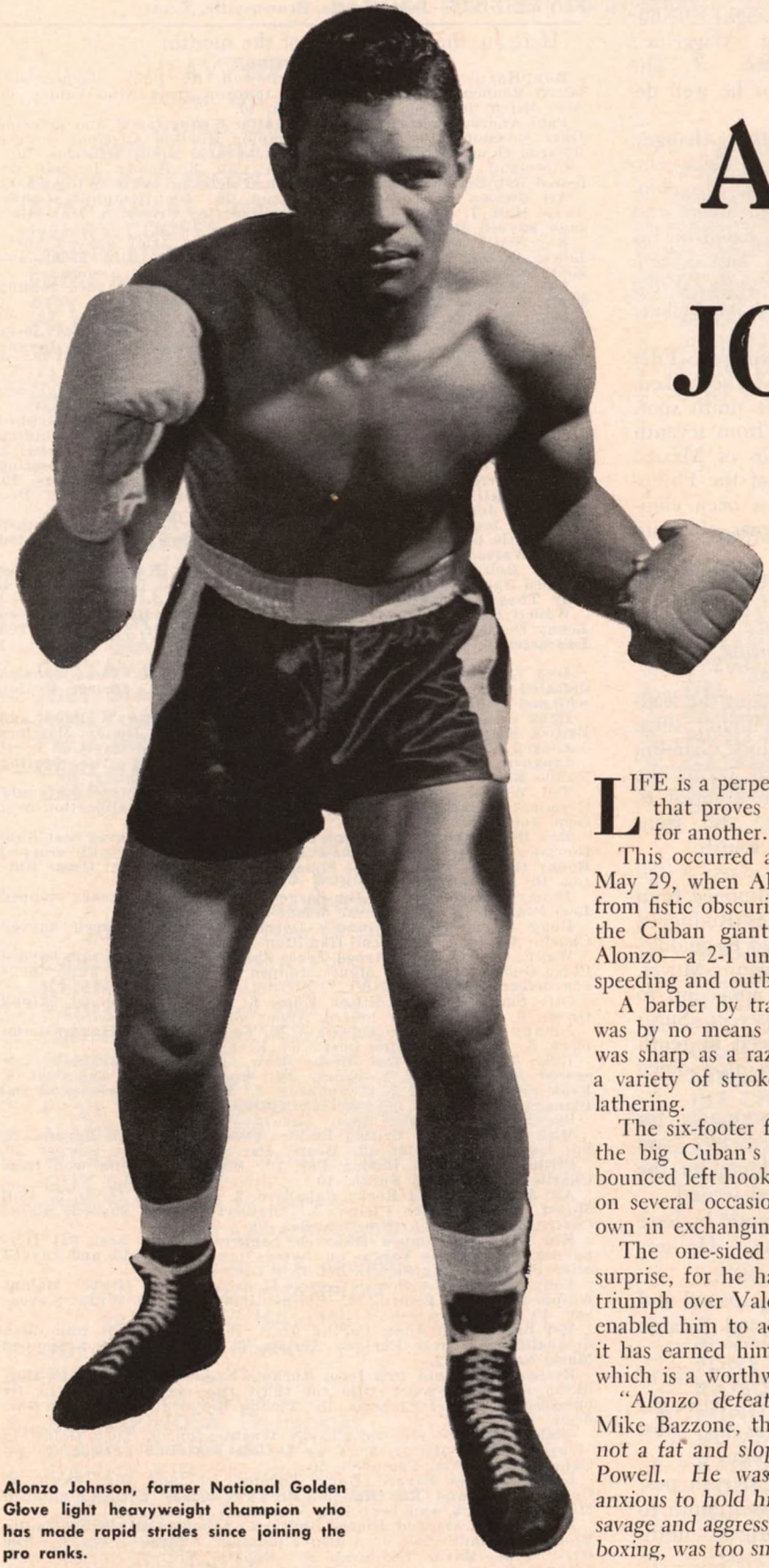
By FRED EISENSTADT

A Ranking Heavyweight

ALONZO JOHNSON



Alonzo Johnson, former National Golden Glove light heavyweight champion who has made rapid strides since joining the pro ranks.

LIFE is a perpetual paradox. Often the outcome of a project that proves tragic to one person, is the glowing beginning for another.

This occurred at Madison Square Garden on the evening of May 29, when Alonzo Johnson—young 185-pounder—emerged from fistic obscurity by clearly outpointing veteran Nino Valdes, the Cuban giant and favorite. Outweighed by 25 pounds, Alonzo—a 2-1 underdog—forged into fistic prominence by outspeeding and outboxing Valdes in almost all of the ten rounds.

A barber by trade, Johnson gave Nino a neat trimming. It was by no means a close shave for the sprightly newcomer who was sharp as a razor and slashed away at his powerful foe with a variety of strokes, but he did give the huge Cuban a good lathering.

The six-footer from Braddock, Pa., poked stiff lefts deep into the big Cuban's midriff, making him wince often. He also bounced left hooks and solid rights off the chin, staggering Nino on several occasions. In addition, Alonzo more than held his own in exchanging wallops at close quarters.

The one-sided victory scored by Alonzo Johnson was a surprise, for he had engaged in only sixteen pro contests. His triumph over Valdes was his 16th win in seventeen starts—and enabled him to advance in more ways than one. Importantly, it has earned him a spot in the ratings of RING Magazine—which is a worthwhile distinction indeed.

"Alonzo defeated a well conditioned Valdes," pointed out Mike Bazzone, the newcomer's trainer and manager. *"He was not a fat and sloppy Valdes—such as when he lost to Charley Powell. He was a determined Cuban who was desperately anxious to hold his notch in the rankings, a fighter who waged a savage and aggressive battle. But Johnson, an exponent of classic boxing, was too smart and speedy for him."*

Actually, Alonzo is no tyro in the Sock Exchange Market. He started to employ padded mittens under directions of Mike Bazzone—a former fighter—some ten years ago. When Alonzo reached the age of 16, Bazzone put him in the amateurs. Of his 35 bouts, Johnson lost four.

"I started as a flyweight," informed Alonzo in his hotel room during the interview in tones soft and low. *"And boxed in every division, winning quite a few amateur titles. In 1955 and 1956 I took the Eastern and Western Golden Gloves."*

At this point up spoke Johnson's stablemate, lightweight Luke Easter, a lively lad with humorous, twinkling eyes: *"In a way it was me who was responsible for Alonzo entering the professional ring,"* he said. *"As kids, we were with a bunch who liked boxing. Me, I was serious about the ring and soon I convinced Alonzo to be likewise and make money at it. Maybe what I said influenced him. Anyway, he sure is gonna make heaps of dough at boxing—and that pleases me plenty."*

Born in Aberdene, Mississippi, on November 6, 1934, Alonzo Lee Johnson is one of two brothers and five sisters. His father, Aaron Lee, 48, is a barber. His mother, Ellen Louise, 45, is part Indian. She proudly says of her son: *"Alonzo Lee always has been a good boy, never been in trouble. True, I opposed his becoming a prizefighter—but I believe a man has the right to choose his own profession."* Then she added with a sigh: *"Now my younger son, Melvin, is preparing himself for a ring career. Oh, well—boys will be men."*

Alonzo, during his two years in high school, took extra curricular courses in carpentry and cabinet making. Also played football and basketball. He liked that better than classroom work.

"Bazzone, who's known me since I was twelve," disclosed Johnson, *"taught me much of what I know about boxing. I work out at the Rankin Roy Gym—operated by Mike—where all his 13 fighters, amateurs and pros, do their training. The gym is in Rankin—that's a small town situated on the outskirts of Pittsburgh."* Alonzo paused a moment. *"I'd like to have mentioned that Frank Goosby did much to help me in boxing."*

Repairing automobiles is his pastime. Also motorcycling and hunting—which he does whenever possible. Johnson seriously admitted his favorite reading matter is RING Magazine; favorite music is jazz; favorite movie star is Anthony Quinn, and chicken, his favorite food. The ex-barber also revealed that he's never had a shave.

After a whispered consultation with Mike, the new heavyweight sensation confessed that the little boy in the photo was his 4-year-old son, Alonzo Robert. *"I was married in 1954,"* disclosed Johnson, *"But the union failed to work out. So my wife and I were divorced this year. She took our little daughter Vaughan, three, and I kept the boy."*

Alonzo thought a moment, smiled and remarked: *"A real game fighter always returns for more battles after the wounds of his latest scrap become healed. Well, it's that way with marriage: once a man recovers from the painful disappointment of his first failure, he comes back for another try. So, early next year, I intend to change Toni Henderson's name to mine. She is 19, and very lovely—and should make a fine wife."*

A man of quiet temperament and relaxed air, Alonzo Johnson developed powerful back and arm muscles—as well as sharp striking power—working for quite a spell at driving iron spikes in railroad ties. He says he never dislikes his ring rivals—though he considers them his enemies and therefore must be severely dealt with—which he does with deadly coolness. He believes his slight Indian heritage has endowed him with a sort of calm, stoical fighting spirit, composure under fire and a good measure of courage.

Alonzo greatly admires Sugar Ray Robinson. *"But,"* he quickly adds with a meaningful smile, *"only because he's a smart boxer."*

Alonzo's sisters and brothers. Standing left to right, Doris, Sally-Ann, Melvin, Eloise, Shirley and Annette. In front is Alonzo Robert and Mrs. Ellen Louis Johnson, his mother.

Despite his rather short ring career, Johnson has boxed in thirteen different states. *"He used to become very lonesome and homesick,"* pointed out Bazzone, who is now a steel worker. *"But he's gradually becoming accustomed to being away from home, separated from his son and sweetheart, whom he misses when away from them—and his family as well."*

Alonzo has been in an auto accident and also in a motorcycle mishap—coming out of both without a scratch. *"I'd like to believe that my being religious and attending church regularly helps to protect me. But then I'm puzzled by the fact that people more devout than I am, too often are far less fortunate. By the way, I've never been hurt in the ring, never been dropped by a punch."* He shrugged and smiled. *"Must be just luck."*

Asked if he likes dancing, the boxer replied with a grin: *"Yes, I like to dance away when an aggressive, hard-punching fighter rushes at me. I also enjoy doing a brisk two-step on the road early mornings."*

It was livewire Garden matchmaker Teddy Brenner who last year brought the then unknown young heavyweight for action at the St. Nicholas Arena, where Teddy was then promoting boxing shows. Alonzo put Jimmy Slade in the shade—handling the old "cutie" a good wholesome

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Last Laugh for MAXIE BAER

By TED CARROLL

IT comes as a pleasant surprise for people on the boxing beat, to learn that the grinning countenance of "happy-go-lucky" Max Baer, so familiar to the public of twenty-five years ago was little more than camouflage for a most serious mien. Judging from his present state of secure solvency, the carefree facade effected by "Madcap Maxie" was not the true picture as seen by the bank tellers. Maxie cached away enough of his ring earnings to permit him the luxury of an annuity in excess of a thousand dollars a month, today.

All too few of our former champions are so fortunate, it also is an object lesson that the primrose path of pleasure doesn't have to lead to the poorhouse, if one happens to be as farseeing as Max Baer. Baer was—and still is—the merriest of all our champions, he always appeared to be enjoying life to the fullest but it turns out he was at the same time keeping a close grip on his bankroll.

So conspicuous was Baer on the Broadway scene during his heyday, and so fulsome his fun-making, that noted Broadway columnist, Louis Sobol, of the New York Journal-American, reminiscing about Boxing's Gay Blade, wondered in print some time ago, just how well the popular ex-heavyweight champion was getting along. Information was speedily forthcoming that Baer was doing quite well, with annuities which came due, on his fiftieth birthday, last February, refereeing assignments and occasional TV dates, plus an interest in a used car business more than allowing him a comfortable existence.

Baer emphasized his happy condition on a recent visit to The Ring magazine office following his return from England. Apparently brimming with health and all his old time effervescence, he recounted his blessings which include beside financial stability, a son

in Santa Clara College in California, another son in whom he takes great pride and a quarter century of happy marriage.

Although graying and heavier, he still has that sculptor's model physique, which gave birth to the still often heard description, *"Built like Max Baer."* Baer has lost none of his zest for just being alive. Friendly with everyone, he paused in his gay chatter to inject a serious note, and correct certain ideas long subscribed to by boxing people. In response to questioning about his present affluence, he revealed, *"Ancil Hoffman was a great business man himself, and his advice was good, but let me tell you little old Maxie didn't need anybody to tell him to salt away that green stuff. That was my own idea, not Ancil's, as so many people believe."*

In line with this disclosure by Baer, is the comment of veteran boxing man Charley (Broadway) Rose, himself no shunner of the bright lights in former days, and often present on occasions when Baer was riding high, wide and handsome. *"You know,"* chuckles Charley, *"nobody ever made clowning pay off with as much free fun as Max Baer He'd be the life of the party having a heluva time, but he'd be so busy clowning that somebody else would always have to grab the check. If you didn't pick it up yourself, you'd have to wait for him to stop fooling around, and that would never be until everything had been taken care of."*

Besides his merrymaking Baer was a press agent's dream since no stunt was too zany for him to attempt. He made a picture "The Prizefighter and the Lady" with Myrna Loy, climaxed by a make believe fight with Primo Carnera, then champion, whom Baer himself met in real life for the title that same year—1934.

The film was a great success, even though Madcap Maxie proved to be no great shakes as an actor. It had a fine cast and with Baer winning the world heavyweight title it proved to be terrific box-office. It was still the era, before television, when movies were the big thing, and America opened up its heart to the big, good-looking guy who reigned as the best fighter in the world.

No gym fighter, he tried to hide his ineptness in training by making a joke of it. So much so, that New York Boxing Commissioner, William Brown, known as "Blunt Bill" for his frankness, on an inspection tour of a Baer camp in Atlantic City, following a Baer "bouffe" with sparmate "Dynamite" Jackson was all for calling off Maxie's impending bout for the title, with Primo Carnera, on the grounds that, as he put it, *"Baer belongs in a circus and not in a boxing ring."* The outspoken official still refused to concede that he was wrong, even following Baer's victory, dismissing the whole business with the comment, *"Carnera was even worse!"*

But when the mood seized him Baer was anything but a clown in the ring. Schmeling's prestige has grown with the years, but Der Max's boosters conveniently forget that Baer not only knocked out the German, but that Schmeling, a great one for a return match, never would meet Baer again. This was the high spot of Baer's career.

Schmeling's vaunted right hand blows brought nothing but grins from the granite chinned Baer, who after everything was over exulted, *"What punch? He never even turned my head around."* Nor, according to Joe Louis himself, has Baer ever rated the criticism he received after his match with Joe. *"Never hit a man like I hit that ol' Maxie Baer, and every time I did, it was like driving' a brick out of a wall,"* the Bomber confesses.

Baer received his biggest purse from the Louis fight $215,000. All in all, his earnings in a tax-easy era were close to $750,000, which accounts for the expensive annuity he was able to purchase.

Just about the time he was starting to show possibilities as a heavyweight threat, back in 1931, Baer caused a mirthful outburst—tinged with ridicule—from coast to coast—by peddling contracts for his services to various interested individuals, which when totalled up came to one hundred and ten percent of his earnings. This must have taught Maxie a valuable lesson for he hasn't made any mistakes in figuring since.

Another unpublicized facet of Baer's career was his public disavowal of the "color line" while still heavyweight champion. This doesn't sound like much today but up until the night in Detroit on Jan. 4, 1935, when Baer appearing in an exhibition with Babe Hunt on a card topped by Louis and Patsy Perroni, announced that he would not take refuge behind this unsporting custom, this had been the habit of every heavyweight champion since Jack Johnson, whose career had made this evasion possible. While Max never had occasion to make his promise good, due to the Braddock upset which cost him his title, his position was a radical departure from that taken by heavyweight champions up to that time.

Baer's good judgment did not end with his financial affairs, matrimonially he was equally discerning and astute, and his marriage to Mary Ellen Sullivan, Buffalo nurse, he readily admits, has been the great stabilizing influence of his life.

Since World War II, during which he served in the Air Force for a time, Baer hasn't been idle, teaming with Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom, with whom he has much in common, in a comedy act which enjoyed considerable success in night clubs and vaudeville for several years. His TV appearances and refereeing stints keep him busy; he was among the world's champions gathered together for the final boxing show at Harringay Arena in London, and he proved as big a favorite with the British today as he did twenty years ago when he first went over to England to box Tommy Farr and Ben Foord.

Egged on by his fellow collegians Max Baer Jr. who is said to be an even more striking physical specimen than his father, tried his hand at boxing some weeks ago in a college tourney, but a couple of rounds showed that all Junior inherited from the old man was physique.

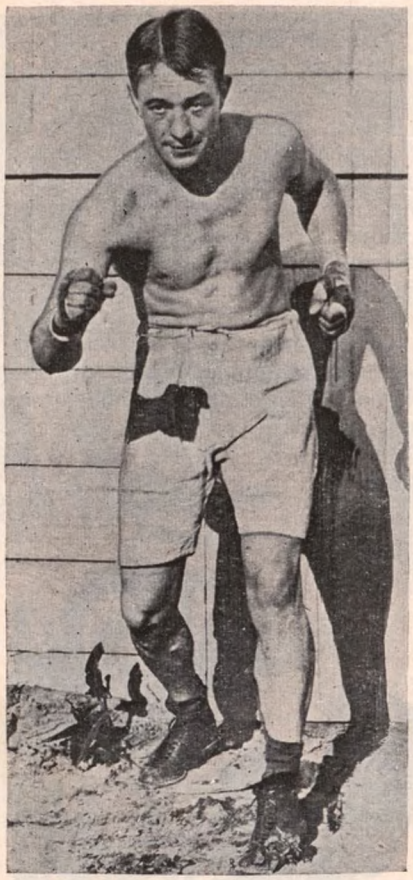
So much is made of the ring unfortunates who come to grief in their later years that it is most gratifying to be able to present Baer as a man who while masquerading as a madcap was no buffoon at long range planning for his and his family's security.

"BUILT LIKE MAX BAER"... STILL OFTEN HEARD IN BOXING

MIDDLE MUDDLES

Wrangle Over Ray Robinson's Status Recalls Division's Other Confusing Eras

By JERSEY JONES



Stanley Ketchel, whose tragic death in 1910 precipitated major muddle in middleweight division. It was two and half years before another undisputed champion was recognized.

WHAT eventually materializes in the confusing wrangle between the New York State Athletic Commission and the National Boxing Association over Ray Robinson's status as middleweight champion of the world is something, of course, that remains to be seen.

As this is being written, the New York board still recognizes Robinson as champion while the N.B.A. has declared the title vacant and available to the winner of a meeting of two former champions, Carmen Basilio and Gene Fullmer.

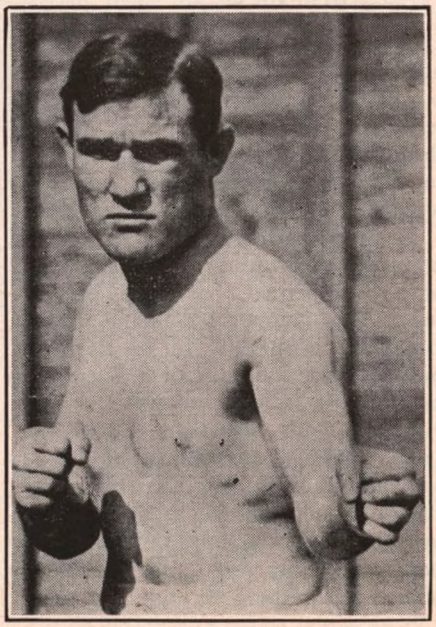
It is to be sincerely hoped this isn't the beginning of another confusing, drawn-out middlweight muddle. The division has had several messes since the beginning of the century, and one of them required ten long years before an undisputed champion finally received universal recognition.

The first scramble followed Stanley Ketchel's tragic passing in 1910 and lasted two and a half years. The second developed in 1931 when Mickey Walker gave up the title to campaign among the light-heavies and heavies. The resultant mess stretched out for a full decade. A third wrangle was precipitated by Ray Robinson when he announced his retirement in 1952, but this time an elimination series determined his successor in less than ten months.

It was on October 15, 1910, that Ketchel was fatally shot on a Missouri ranch. His main rival, Billy Papke, was then en route to Australia. The island continent was enjoying a tremendous boxing boom at the time, and top ringmen from the United States and Europe were doing well for themselves there.

PAPKE PERSISTENT CLAIMANT.

When Papke arrived in Sydney, and heard the news of Ketchel's passing, he promptly claimed the title. As former champion, who had won and lost the laurels in a gruelling four-bout series with Ketchel, Billy felt he was the logical heir to the title.



Frank Klaus, who was finally accepted as champion in 1913. After beating other contenders, Klaus capped elimination campaign by winning from ex-champion Billy Papke.

Cyclone Johnny Thompson, another American campaigning in Australia, challenged Papke. Promoter Snowy Baker booked the match for the Sydney Stadium and Thompson pounded out a twenty-round decision on February 11, 1911.

Despite his victory, Thompson was not generally recognized as champion, but Johnny didn't make too much of an issue of it. He was having weight difficulties, and shortly after his return to the United States he outgrew the division.

Quite a scramble for the title was going on when Papke, who had travelled to Europe after leaving Australia, arrived back in the United States. Billy promptly got into the argument, insisting he still had the best claim to the championship.

On Washington's Birthday, 1912, Papke lost to Frank Mantell in a twenty-rounder in Sacramento, Cal. The bout had been advertised by promoter Dick McCready as for the title, but Papke argued it was not. Billy maintained the match had been fought over the class weight limit, and the championship was not involved.

Despite Mantell's protests, Papke continued to bill himself as champion, and most authorities recognized him until March 5, 1913, when he lost on a disqualification in Paris to another touring Yank, Frank Klaus.

Papke had no argument to offer this time. The bout had been fought at weight and under championship conditions, and Klaus was a decisive winner. Realizing he was losing, Papke resorted to rough tactics, and was warned several times before the referee finally ruled him out in the fifteenth round.

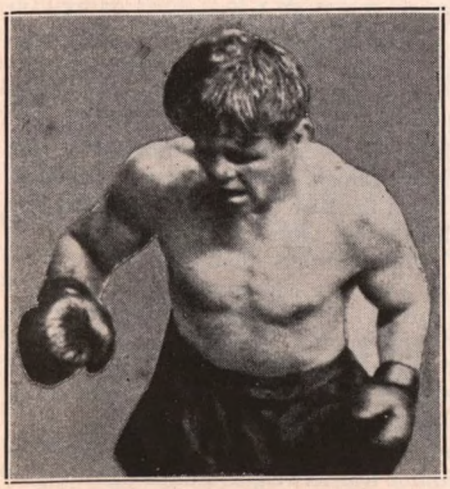
Since Klaus had previously knocked out Mantell and beaten Jack Dillon and Georges Carpentier, he had a legitimate claim to the title and was universally accepted as champion when he returned to his native Pittsburgh.

LONG, UNINTERRUPTED STREAK.

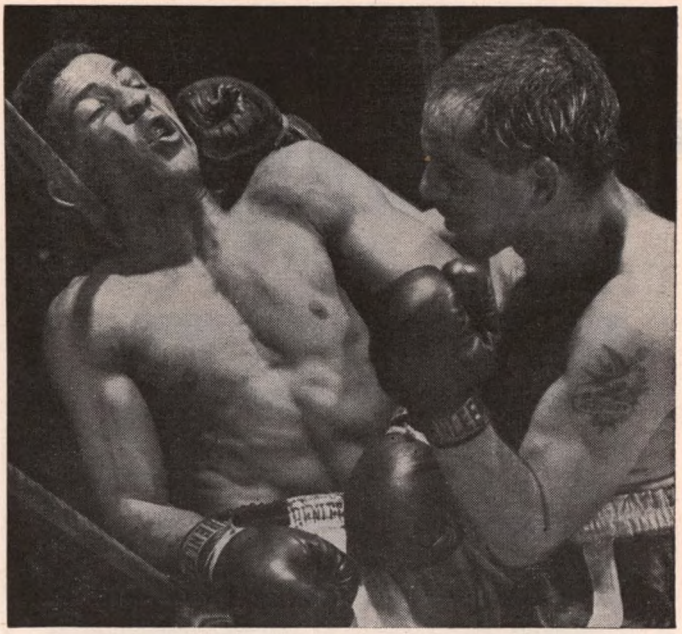
For eighteen years the middleweight title moved along a clear, distinct path. In succession, the champions following Klaus were George Chip, Al McCoy, Mike O'Dowd, Johnny Wilson, Harry Greb, Tiger Flowers and Mickey Walker.

The continuity was shattered when Walker decided, late in 1931, that he wanted to try his luck with bigger opponents. Mickey relinquished the middleweight laurels and precipitated the longest drawn-out mess in boxing history. The New York moguls and the N.B.A. couldn't get together in an harmonious working agreement, and neither organization paid any attention to what went on in Europe and elsewhere. The result was that everybody had his own "world" champion, and the confusion really was something to behold.

In a ten-year span, the horde of "champions" included Gorilla Jones, Ben Jeby, Lou Brouillard, Vince Dundee, Marcel Thil, Teddy Yarosz, Babe Risko, Freddie Steele,



Mickey Walker, whose abdication in 1931 led to ten confusing years before another universally recognized champion took charge of the 160-pound throne.



Bobo Olson (right) beating Randy Turpin in 1953 to establish his right to the championship ten months after Ray Robinson vacated title. Olson and Turpin had previously won in American and European elimination series.

Fred Apostoli, Solly Krieger, Al Hostak, Ceferino Garcia, Ken Overlin, Billy Soose, Georgie Abrams and Tony Zale.

Among the many weird developments of that confusing decade was a middleweight bout Promoter Mike Jacobs included in his grandiose "Carnival of Champions" in New York's Polo Grounds during the summer of 1937. Thil and Apostoli were the principals. The bout was recognized as for the championship by governing bodies all over the world—excepting New York, the state in which the match was held. To the New York fistic fathers, Steele was the title-holder.

It wasn't until November 28, 1941, that the muddle finally was cleared up. The rival "champions" at the time were Abrams, recognized by New York, and Zale, the N.B.A. entry. Promoter Jacobs brought the pair together in Madison Square Garden, and Zale punched out a decision in fifteen rounts to become the first undisputed world champion the division had known in a decade.

WHEN ROBINSON RETIRED.

After Zale, the sequence of title-holders embraced Rocky Graziano, Zale again, Marcel Cerdan, Jake LaMotta, Ray Robinson, Randy Turpin, then Robinson again until Ray announced his voluntary abdication and retirement from the ring in December, 1952.

For a while it looked as though the 160-pounders were in for another protracted spell of confusion. At least a score of middleweights howled for consideration in an elimination tournament. For once, however, all the major governing boards got together in a sensible arrangement, and Robinson's successor was determined in a brief, decisive series that ended ten months after Ray had tossed the title out into the open market.

The leading Europeans, Randy Turpin and Charles Humez, hooked up in London, Turpin winning.

Two bouts, both in Madison Square Garden, settled the American end of the controversy. Paddy Young outpointed Ernie Durando and Carl (Bobo) Olson whipped Young.

Then Turpin came over to New York to tangle with Olson in the grand finale in the Garden. The date was October 21, 1953. Olson won and with the decision went the title

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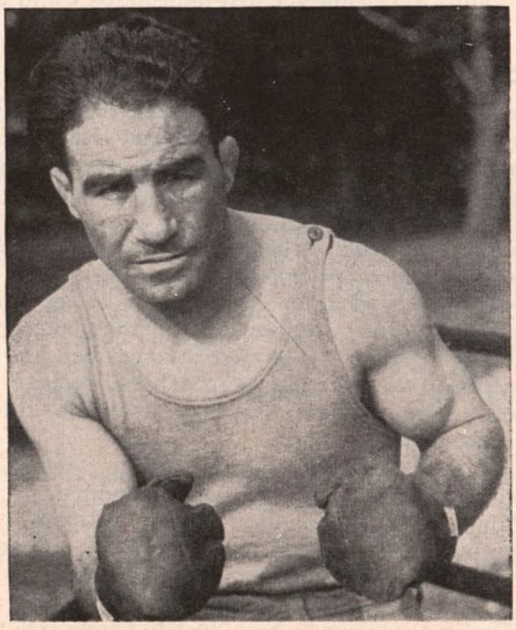
"JUNIOR" NEVER GREW UP

By JOHNNY SALAK



Johnny Dundee was the first of the junior lightweight champions, having won the title on a foul in a bout with George K. O. Chaney on November 18, 1921. Artie O'Leary had earlier laid claim to the crown.

JUNIOR just never did grow up. The junior divisions of professional boxing, that is.

Conceived in times of prosperity, just after the First World War, when business was booming and there were more fighters than you could shake a glove at, the two little miscasts, the junior lightweight and the junior welterweight classes gained some measure of acceptance and for a decade a number of good fighters held the championships of those divisions.

But once the boom was lowered and the depression of the early 1930's packed a heavyweight wallop the boxing game could no longer afford to support the additional divisions. When the going got more than a little rough and the eight legitimate brother boxing divisions of the game had a tough time struggling along on their own, the two juniors were neglected and eventually drifted off into oblivion.

Every so often, almost like unwanted guests, the outcast half-brothers make a brief appearance, such as in 1946 and 1949 (also boom years for boxing), never receiving a hearty welcome. They are ignored, hopeful that they'll take the hint and shove off. They do.

Once more the two title twins are with us, a bit bedraggled, but nevertheless popping off in the hopes that someone will take notice and ask them to stick around. Actually things are a little tough just now, what with few fighters and clubs, and their visit is a bit of an embarrassing surprise.

But, it seems, they have been invited to return by the new landlords of boxing, the television interests.

Perhaps it might be different this time, though there are less fighters to go round to all the divisions and the legitimate light and welterweights are frowning at having to share their meals with the half-brothers.

The difference is television, boss-man of the sport, and this medium of presenting fights is not particularly interested in clubs, quantity of fighters or class. The television people will tell you that the home viewer is crown-crazy, title-conscious to a degree that if they can label a fight as being for a divisional championship twenty million video sets will automatically be tuned in the night of the fight. The viewing audience, it would appear, is not very discerning and a championship is a championship, full fledged, fledging or false.

JUNIOR TITLE HISTORY OBSCURE

The kick-off on this campaign came recently when Kenny Lane and Carlos Ortiz, the No. 1 and 2 contenders for Joe Brown's world lightweight title, were matched for the championship of the junior welterweight division, staked at 140 pounds, and with the blessings of the New York Commissions and the National Boxing Association. Television grinned with self-satisfaction, upped the ante for the fight (after all it was a title bout) and were on their way. Later, at Providence, R. I., Paul Jorgensen and Harold Gomes, two ranking featherweights, were matched for television in a junior lightweight championship bout.

Some forty years have passed since the ersatz divisions first showed up with grimy little faces—and still "junior" hasn't grown up. The classes were so little thought of that much of the early history remains obscure and indefinable.

We do know that when the first New York State Athletic Commission under the Walker Law was appointed in 1920, it inherited "junior", the synthetic divisions framed in a set of rules adopted by the state legislature which provided for junior classes in boxing. These were a junior flyweight class with a limit of 109 pounds, junior bantam division with a limit of 115 pounds, junior featherweight at 122 pounds, junior lightweight at 130 pounds and the junior welterweight class with a limit of 140 pounds.

No records to speak of exist of any junior titleholders except those of the junior featherweight, junior lightweight,

and junior welterweights. The others, dealing with the pint-sized flys and bantams died a'bornin', so to speak. There are words for what these divisions were but we are gently but firmly reminded that they are not to be used in this magazine.

Officially, and that at times that means according to New York State carryings-on, the first junior lightweight title bout held was between Johnny Dundee and George K. O. Chaney on November 18, 1921 at New York. Starting the not-too-strong division off on the wrong foot, the bout wound up with Dundee the winner on a foul in the fifth round.

However, scraps of evidence come in to let us know that bouts were advertised as being for the junior title at least some four years earlier. On March 15, 1917, at Providence, R. I., Artie O'Leary laid claim to being the first 130-pounds king when he defeated Jimmy Kane in a fifteen round bout. Artie set no worlds on fire as champion of this division, the non-related Mrs. O'Leary's cow being more remembered for kicking up a fuss.

We don't know how seriously O'Leary took his claim but the records do not reveal his ever having it out with Dundee, and perhaps Mr. O'Leary was a smarter boxer than we thought.

Dundee kept the division fairly active until May 30, 1923 when he lost the title to Jack Bernstein. Before the year was out the Scotch Wop had taken the title back. On June 29, 1924 he lost the championship to Steve Kid Sullivan on a fifteen rounds decision at Brooklyn.

Nine months later Mike Ballerino won it from Sullivan on a ten rounds decision in Philadelphia, who in turn handed it over to Tod Morgan when the latter kayoed him in ten rounds at Los Angeles on December 2, 1925.

Morgan held it for a period of four years, until Benny Bass stopped him in two rounds at New York on December 19, 1929. Kid Chocolate on his way to trying to win the world lightweight title, picked up this little trinket on July 15, 1931 when he stopped Bass in seven rounds in Philadelphia.

The division faded with an official champion in a similar manner to its beginning when Frankie Klick won the crown when Chocolate was disqualified in the seventh round of their bout at Philadelphia on December 25, 1933. It was a Christmas present but, like the tie you didn't want, Klick just couldn't wear this one. At this point the junior lightweight championship faded into the area of the unreported.

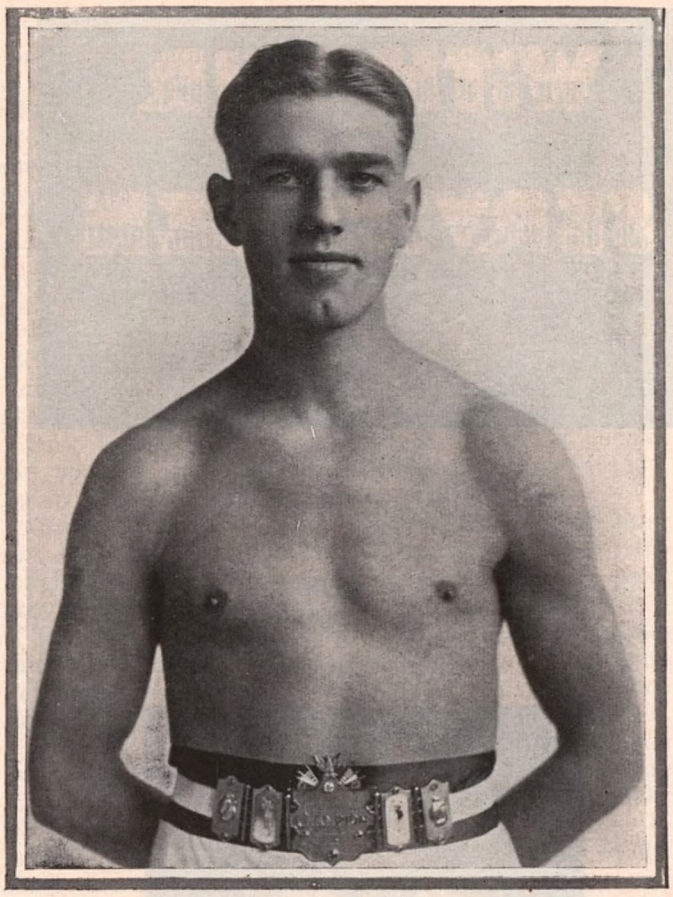
More than fifteen years later, in 1949, efforts were made to revive the division and Sandy Saddler and Orlando Zulueta fought for the vacant title, Saddler winning the ten rounds decision and then ignoring his new honors.

MITCHELL CHAMP BY POPULAR VOTE

The junior welterweight division fared little better. The first mention there is of a champion is one who did not win the crown in the ring. In 1922 an enterprising editor of a mid-west boxing magazine conducted a fan poll and Pinky Mitchell was acclaimed champion of the newly created 140-pound class by popular vote.

Mitchell certainly did not take his crown seriously and during the next four years there is no mention in his record of his having defended the title though he may have. Mushy Callahan outpointed him in ten rounds on September 21, 1926 at Vernon, Calif., and took the championship.

Though his record doesn't show it, Callahan took some interest in his laurels and at least defended the crown against Dummy Mahan and Spug Meyers, finally losing the title to Jackie Kid Berg in London, England on February 18, 1930, being knocked out in ten rounds. It is interesting to note that the Callahan title bouts are listed as being for the N. B. A. junior championship.



Pinky Mitchell, the first of the junior welterweight champions. He acquired his title in a popularity poll conducted by a mid-west boxing magazine in 1922.

From Berg the title went to Tony Canzoneri a year later, then to Johnny Jadick and on to Battling Shaw, finally to return to Canzoneri. Barney Ross took the crown from Canzoneri but strictly as an afterthought, his main aim the night of June 23, 1933 being the world lightweight title. Ross was most active with the title, placing it on the line a number of times in the next two years, until he rewon the world welterweight championship and the junior welterweight title was lost in the shuffle.

Not until 1946 when Tippy Larkin and Willie Joyce met in Boston for the vacant title was mention made of the division. Larkin won, defended the crown against Joyce several months later and then the title lapsed once more.

The junior featherweight division had even less luck and diligent research uncovers activity in that area only in 1922 and 1923. On September 22, 1922, Jackie Kid Wolfe of Cleveland defeated Joe Lynch, then world bantam champ, at Madison Square Garden, in a fifteen rounder listed as being for the junior featherweight title.

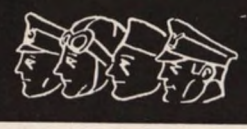
Just what happened to Wolfe's claim we do not know, undoubtedly he thought little of the division, but on March 6, 1923, Benny Gould of Canada kayoed Charley Beecher, who had laid claim to that title, in five rounds, at the Pioneer Sporting Club in New York.

Gould then disappeared from the scene and Wolfe was back. On August 29, 1923, Carl Duane decisioned Wolfe over twelve rounds at New York and won the junior title. Duane was soon battling at 128 pounds and that was the end of the brief career of the junior featherweight division.

Not a very illustrious history for the junior titles but in their times they served their purposes. Never gaining world recognition in boxing's best days the divisions which never grew up will find it tough sledding to gain acceptance at this time.

But again they are serving their purpose, that being to put more title bouts on TV.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN



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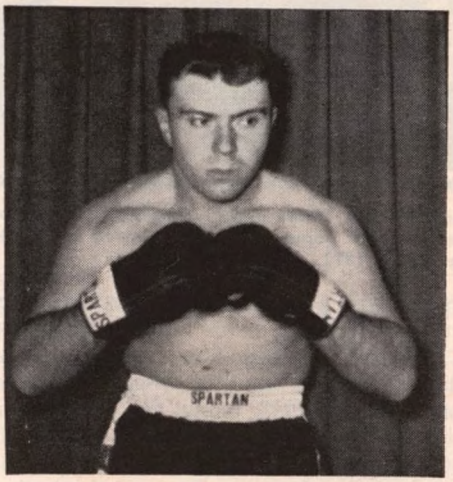
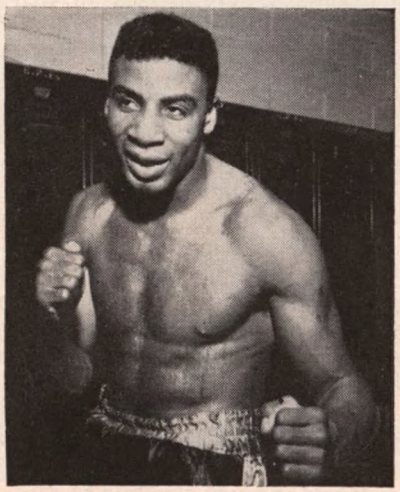


George Massey, New York middleweight stationed at the Navy's Barkley Station, Norfolk, Va. Massey is a natural athlete, also takes part in judo and football.



Allen Hudson, Fort Bragg, N. C., heavyweight who recently successfully defended his All-Army title with a two round knockout over David Forman.

EVENING IN PARRIS

Parris Island, S. C. The Third Recruiting Training Battalion's gold clad recruit boxers put on a display of ring savvy, as they won three out of five bouts in the most recent monthly Regimental Boxing Smoker, at this East Coast Marine Corps Recruit Depot.

Private Walter Willis, a lanky lad from Third Battalion, registered the quickest win of the evening by knocking out Pvt. Robert O'Leary in the first round.

Private Ronald Melillo and Pvt. Andrew Pettyford, who both won on decisions in the last smoker, also appeared on this card. The results were a little different though, as Melillo lost a close decision to Jacques Tomalaviez. Pettyford, on the other hand, looked like the best fighter to enter the ring all evening, as he won on a TKO in the second round over Pvt. Joseph Coia.

The best scrap of the night was a 147-pound contest between Pvt. Paul Cotter and Pvt. Robert Stone. Both boys were arm weary at the finish and showed signs of the rugged pace they had set. Stone was awarded the decision because of his first round showing.

Boxing Smokers are sponsored monthly by the Recruit Training Regiment and are one of the most popular sports attractions staged at the Depot.

JUST ABOUT BEST

Norman Best, of the 505th Airborne Division, is one of the most promising fighters in service today.

Best has been in service only fourteen months, but he has already won two titles. In the States he was the 82nd Airborne Division lightweight champion, and when sent to Germany he won the 8th Division lightweight title. From there he fought his way to the USAREUR tournament but lost out in the finals.

Best has had a total of 26 fights, of which he has lost only two. Not all his bouts took place while he was in service.

M/Sgt. Hall of the 505th says the Division has high hopes for Best in the 1959-60 service tournaments. Sgt. Hall discovered Best after four months in service and is his trainer.

LITTLES BIG FAVORITE

Frankfurt, Germany. Little Willie Littles' circle of fans is growing.

The Army featherweight's following began during the 1958-59 ring season in the 3d Armored Division—his home unit—and snowballed as he fought in German cities against other military ringmen.

By the time he waded through the division's tournament, won in the North Region fights in Kaiserlautern, Germany, and finally pounded his way to the featherweight championship of the 1959 USAREUR bouts in Hanau, Germany, he was known in Europe.

The Philadelphia amateur's recent success among the tough competition of Army matches has helped Willie decide to try the even rougher professional route when he returns to the city of brotherly love.

This is something Littles has long considered. Even when he was a civilian just beginning an amateur record that has risen to 76 won, 15 lost, including a clean slate of 11 victories in Army boxing.

Littles' last loss came at the experienced hands of now-professional Len Matthews in the form of a two-round decision in Philadelphia.

Little Willie Littles will soon be back on the civilian sports scene—as a professional. His name is one to watch among those who will make the grade in the money ranks of the sport.

GEORGE DOES IT

George Massey, who is from the Ridgewood section of

Norman Best of the 505th Airborne Division, one of the most promising of the service fighters in Europe. The 8th Division lightweight champ, he lost in the USAREUR finals.

Long Island, in New York, is a promising young middleweight stationed at the Navy's Barkley Station, Norfolk, Va.

Massey has thus far won five bouts and lost two. He scored clean knockouts in four of his bouts, while the other bout was stopped in his favor. His two losses were by decision.

George is a natural athlete. Besides boxing, he has participated in judo and football while in the Navy. The 23 years old Massey, termed a "dynamic" fighter, stands 5 feet 9 inches and weighs 159 pounds.

The men at the U. S. Navy-Coast Guard Reserve Training Center at Norfolk, Va. are very proud of George—and rightly so.

IN RANGER RINGS

An eight bout smoker was held aboard U. S. S. Ranger while the ship was enroute from Okinawa, Ryukyo Islands, to Yokosuka, Honshu, Japan, with the following results, reports Al Eddy.

Referee for the entire card was Eddy and the judges were CDR Heber Badger, executive officer, and LTJG Bruner. All bouts were scheduled for three rounds.

George Galey, 141½, of Scarboro, Maine, decked James Simones, 152½, Tekamah, Nebr., resoundingly in the first round and almost repeated moments later as he looked a sure one round kayo winner at this point. But he allowed Simones to recover and last the round. Simones stayed in close in the last two rounds to take an edge and came away with a split decision. It was the first time Galey had gone beyond the second round in nine bouts.

Les Cummings, 131½, Poplar, Wisc., won a unanimous decision over Henry Nicholls, 136½, Manteca, Calif. Nicholls had a good first round but lost the other two rounds on all score cards and with it the decision.

Leland Miller, 178, San Francisco, Calif., outclassed Fain Henderson, 171, Tampa, Fla., the bout being over in less than a minute and a half as Henderson showed nothing and the referee intervened.

Andy Eursery, 161½, Kansas City, giving away 26 pounds, put up stubborn resistance against Jerald Murphy, 187½, Bakersfield, Calif., and lost out on a split decision.

Chuck Sherman, 161½, Redding, Calif., won all three rounds to take a decision from Ray Anderson, 163, Pittsburgh, Pa. Sherman possesses a beautiful jab which packs power and it was this that mainly won him the nod.

Bob Blais, 158½, Springfield, Mass., knocked out James Prince, 147, Delaware, Ohio, in the third round after dominating the bout. The referee stopped the contest when Prince was utterly exhausted and unable to defend himself.

Don Johnston, 155½, Nevada, Missouri, had a 21½ pound weight advantage on Tom Burley, 134, Gilroy, Calif., and from the shellacking he took in the first round it looked like his weight advantage was nil. However, he came back to floor Burley in the second round and score a kayo in the third when the referee came to Burley's rescue.

Woodrow Wilson, 169½, Washington, D. C., was an unlucky loser to Chester Boren, 170, Payette, Idaho, Marine Detachment. The edge seemed to belong to Wilson. He scored a clean knockdown in the first round and had a slight edge in the third, losing only the second round by a slight margin, yet only the referee voted for Wilson.

MOSES STILL A HOPE

Lewis Moses, All-Marine middleweight boxing champion formerly attached to the 3rd Marine Division in Japan, was named as an alternate on the Pan American boxing team but may not be fighting for the Armed Forces. The hopeful slugger is due for an August discharge, the month the PanAm action begins in Chicago.

Littles' Big Punch. Willie Littles (right) of Philadelphia, fighting under the 3rd Division banner, won the USAREUR featherweight title. William White of St. Louis, also 3rd Division, who is the USAREUR lightweight king, inspects Littles' big punch.

RAY'S AIM TO HAVE CAKE AND EAT IT BACKED UP BY NEW YORK COMMISSION BUT BASILIO'S PRIDE CAUSES HIM TO REFUTE MATCH . . . . ROBINSON STILL HAS SEPTEMBER FIGHT FOR LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHT TITLE AS POSSIBILITY

By **DAN DANIEL**

Robinson-Basilio Fight Off for This Summer

Basilio, right, on his way to winning the middleweight crown from Robinson at New York's Yankee Stadium. Sugar Ray regained title in later match and presented harsh terms to Basilio for a rubber meeting.

THERE will be no fight for the middleweight championship of the world, as The Ring Magazine sees that title, in possession of Ray Robinson, during this outdoor season.

This is much to be regretted because boxing welfare and boxing progress would be benefitted greatly were Robinson and Carmen Basilio to meet for the third time.

However, we are in the midst of difficulties generated by inflation, disdain for money returns which champions were only too delighted to get, and a callous attitude about responsibilities toward titles and the public.

Failure of Robinson and Basilio to get together means that Ray will challenge Archie Moore for the light heavyweight championship, which Robinson sought unsuccessfully when Joey Maxim held the title.

Basilio's refusal to accept Philadelphia terms for a Robinson fight, which might have gone as high as $280,000, means that Carmen will tackle Gene Fullmer in Chicago.

Who is spiting whom, and what is this all about? Well, money is too cheap in some places, and disdain for the fight fans is too blatant in many locations.

Can Robinson get as much for fighting Moore as he can for meeting Basilio? Not by hundreds of thousands of dollars. In a match with Carmen, Robinson would be the terms-dictating title holder. In a fight with Moore, Ray would be the challenger, at the pleasure of Archie and Jack Kearns.

ROBINSON-BASILIO FIGHT OFFERS GREATEST RETURNS

Can Basilio get as much for fighting Fullmer as he can for meeting Robinson? Not by a bushelful of bucks. So, once again we have to ask, what's this all about and who is spiting whom?

As this issue of The Ring Magazine goes to press Robinson is under the interdiction of the National Boxing Association. It has declared Ray's title forfeit.

The NBA perhaps felt that it would be backed up by the New York Commission, which held a series of hearings and finally

Robinson, resplendent in sport jacket and sun glasses awaits decision by New York State Athletic Commission as to whether it would take away his title. Basilio is seen in first row with hand to cheek. Results favored Robby, who kept his championship but lost Basillio as an opponent.

emerged with the dictum that it could not, in justice, take Robbie's title away from him, that it felt he had signed to defend the championship in Philadelphia and that, furthermore, it believed that Basilio had been confronted with a bona fide chance to recover the crown from Ray.

The Ring Magazine has found too keen a readiness in many locales to back up the NBA and take Robinson's championship away from him.

The Ring Magazine always has been militant for the principle that titles must be won in the square, and should not be tossed about within conference rooms unless there be completely justifiable circumstances.

As a consequence, this magazine applauds the decision of the New York Commission, Gen. Melvin Krulewitch chairman, in deciding not to support the NBA action on Robinson.

But this magazine does not give three cheers for the middleweight situation, and the facts as they came out in the New York hearings.

What are the motives of Robinson and Basilio, as they lie before the analyst who must translate them for explanation of their failure to sign for a fight?

Let us examine the Robinson picture first. It is conceivable that Ray was not too eager to meet Basilio this Summer, and that he wanted to challenge Moore in the full panoply of the middleweight championship.

Were Robinson to fight Basilio and lose the 160 pound laurels, he hardly could challenge Archie for the light heavyweight crown.

If Robinson were to fight Moore and win, his prestige, his ring position and his ability to dictate terms for Basilio would be all the stronger.

If Robinson were to lose to Moore, his position would not be greatly affected, any more than it was when Maxim and the heat baffled him.

A Robinson beaten by Archie still would be the middleweight champion, ready to tackle Basilio and cash in as handsomely as ever.

Now, what about Basilio? Why did he disdain the solid offer of $225,000 from Philadelphia, and prefer to take the match with Fullmer? Pride!

Basilio said that if Robinson felt he was worth $700,000, in purse and television revenue, for a Basilio fight, why should he, Carmen, take less than $385,000? Could there possibly be that much money in a middleweight fight even if some promoter wanted to work for nothing? It's fantastic.

NEW YORK DECISION HIT CARMEN HARD

Before Robinson entered into negotiations with Philadelphia promoters and TelePrompTer, Irving Kahn, for a Basilio match, it appeared that he was trying to shunt Carmen off on a siding, and meet no thoroughly proper challenger, one Gustav Scholz, of Germany. To be sure, Gustav rated No. 4 but, compared with Basilio, he was no contender.

However, it was indicated in no uncertain terms that the authorities here and abroad would not countenance a Robinson-Scholz match. So that went by the board.

The failure of the New York Commission to back up the NBA, brought no banzais from Basilio and his connection. He gave out a carefully but vitriolically words worded statement, in which he said:—

"I am deeply disappointed in the decision of the New York State Athletic Commission to allow Ray Robinson to retain his Middleweight Title.

"For over 14 months I have been trying to get him into the ring so that he will defend his title. He has ducked and dodged every single effort on my part, and has completely flaunted all of the Rules and Regulations of the State Athletic Commission.

"It became necessary for me to file a formal challenge. In an effort to avoid accepting this challenge Robinson has taken his case into Court and hidden

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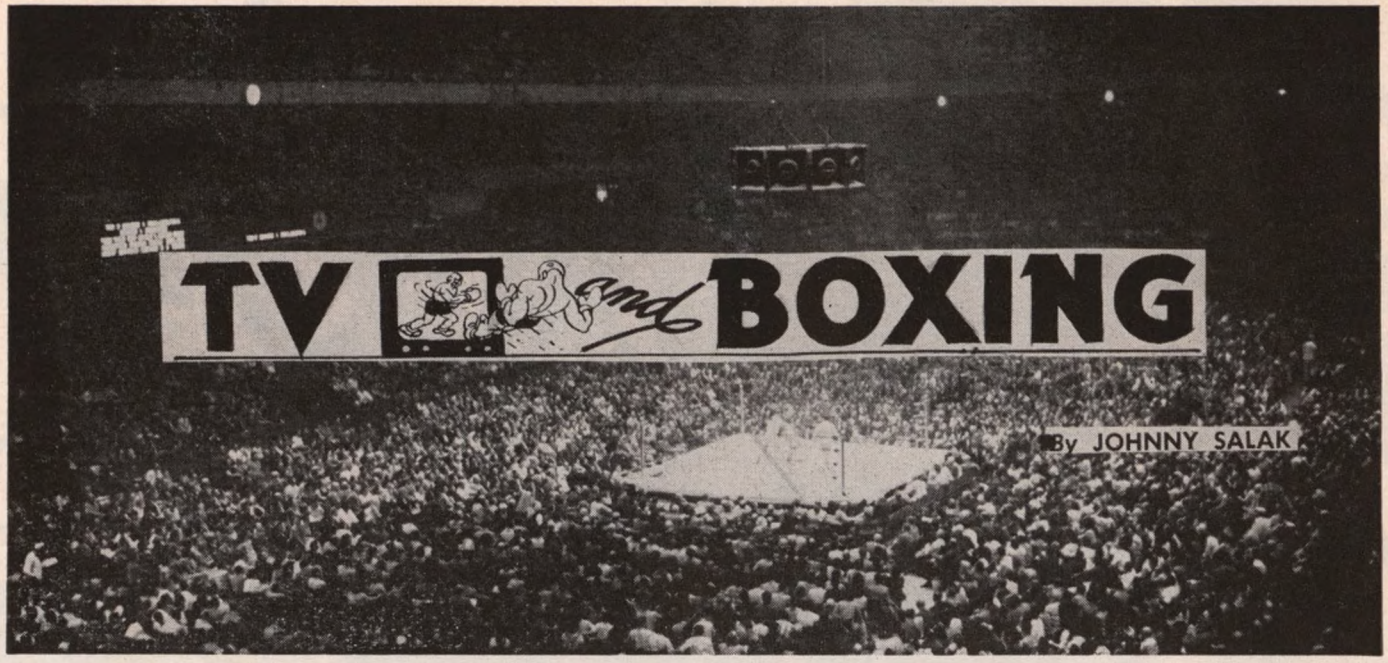


FIGHTERS TEN FEET TALL

IF you were one of the several hundred thousands who viewed the theatre telecast of the Floyd Patterson-Ingemar Johansson world heavyweight championship bout from Yankee Stadium, New York, on June 25, you possibly might be interested in the set-up involved in videoing a fight of this importance.

For an affair such as the Patterson-Johansson title bout TelePrompTer Corporation leases some 14,000 miles of radio and television lines from the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., uses approximately 200 pieces of projection equipment and employs more than 1,000 engineers and technicians.

The closed-circuit telecast begins at ringside with three or four camera crews; microphones and other equipment are deployed around the arena much as they would be for home television.

A cable carries the signal from the camera to a mobile van, from which it is transmitted by coaxial cable or micro-wave relay to AT&T long lines connecting with each city where there is a closed-circuit outlet.

From each city on the network, the local phone company provides a coaxial cable or micro-wave relay system to interconnect the specific theater or auditorium. This facility is then connected to the large screen projection system installed by TelePrompTer Corporation engineers. Unlike a home network broadcaster, TelePrompTer must have engineers on location at each point of reception as well as at the point of origin.

Although the fight picture is flashed upon the theater's regular movie screen, only a few motion picture houses are equipped with the powerful special projectors needed for closed-circuit television. In the majority of cases, the necessary large-screen projection equipment is leased to the exhibitor by TelePrompTer.

The resulting picture, with each fighter appearing approximately ten feet tall, is the reason TelePrompTer Corporation and the local theater management believe they are offering something better than a ringside seat at the fight.

Theaters, being built as they are, guarantee that even the patron in the last row has an excellent view of the action.

SITTING PRETTY

The greatest number of seats ever available for a closed circuit telecast of a sports event—some 570,000 in 160 locations—signalled the making of the theatre telecast of the Patterson-Johansson bout a financial success.

As this article was written, prior to the fight, bookings were running 20 percent ahead of the record-breaking Robinson-Basilio return bout which grossed $1,400,000 and earned $364,876 net. Early reports from isolated exhibitors suggested more than mild interest in the heavyweight championship fight and presaged, according to TelePrompTer, a record number of tickets being purchased.

The complete story of the closed-circuit operation will be covered in our next issue.

SPONSOR ON SPOT WITH COMMERCIALS

On home TV or radio a fight is actually a financial gamble for a sponsor. Not that we pity the poor sponsor who, on the average, will get more than our money's worth.

In bidding for the radio and/or TV rights to a big fight sums such as "$100,000, $200,000, $300,000—you name it" are discussed. This is all well and good—everything considered.

But considering—and being considerate for the moment, we find that the $100,000, $200,000, $300,000 could go down the drain faster than the time it takes for a spot-removing spot commercial.

Not so with other sports. Baseball, football, basketball, ice hockey, etc., the sponsor pretty well knows what he is going to get, even down to special "time outs" taken by the teams for commercials.

With boxing it just as easily could be a "non-telling" blow that hits a sponsor where it hurts, a bust on the fat part of the wallet if the fight winds up in a quick kayo.

"REEL PLUGS" ON RADIO

After much horsing around, the radio rights to the Floyd Patterson-Ingemar Johansson bout were sold to Hollywood interests for the record sum of $100,000.

The Mirisch Corporation and the United Artists Corporation, film producer and distributor, respectively, used the broadcast to promote "The Horse Soldiers," starring two well-known bare-fisted fighting men, John Wayne and William Holden.

This sum went to the TelePrompTer Corporation which, in contracting to theatre telecast the championship bout, for the same amount, a minimum guarantee of $300,000, also picked the radio and movie rights to the fight.

As you listened to the radio account of the battle, the

thundering hooves you might have heard between the rounds were the "plugs" running wild for the film which deals with a Civil War episode, said to be even more battle-filled and gory than the Patterson-Johansson fight. Harrowing hand-to-hand combat and some pretty rough-and-tough scrambles between Wayne and Holden are, one is led to believe, made to pale in significance the tussle between Floyd and Ingo. And this is written before the bout!

AN EXTRA COMMERCIAL

There is a growing concern in some quarters over just who runs a televised fight card—the boxing promoter or the video producer. Evidence is ample that the promoter more and more looms as a figurehead who might soon be replaced, possibly by an extra commercial.

Traditionally, one of the most important parts of a fight program is the introduction before the main event of boxing luminaries in the audience and the principals in upcoming shows. Sponsors, we understand, frown on this procedure.

Prior to the televised Eddie Machen-Ruben Vargas fight at the Cow Palace, San Francisco, several weeks ago, ring announcer Jack Reed was informed by the video producer that he could not introduce Bobby Scanlon who was to appear in a nationwide television fight, June 24, with Mario Vecchiato of Italy at Chicago.

Neither was Reed allowed to bring Bobo Olson, former world middleweight champion now campaigning as a light heavyweight, into the ring for an introduction. Olson was to have boxed Sonny Ray, June 8, for the San Francisco Boxing Club.

Also taboo was Reed's mentioning of the name of the time-keeper or the ringside doctor. (What fight fan who goes back a few years can forget that now famous line: "And counting for the knockdowns—George Bannon!"?)

We also recall that the Machen-Vargas fight introduced different colored gloves for the fighters—black and yellow. This, according to a release, was not the doing, however, of the television sponsor though during the running commentary of the fight we were told that the different colored gloves would aid in watching the delivery of punches more easily. Certainly the gloves, if not the punches, snapped out on the television screen.

The starting time of bouts have been held up and shifted; important action inside the ring has been cut off for commericals; sites have been bounced to cities where the bouts are practically meaningless; shows have gone on with substitute piled on substitute; the promoter, through his ring announcer, is hog-tied as to what he can and cannot say.

It would appear that there is little doubt about the promoter's role in the game today, or who is paying the bills and pulling the strings. All that is left for the sponsors to do is write the script for the fighters. We don't believe they have come to that yet—though the possibility remains that the thought has passed through the mind of more than one Madison Avenue Man, with no ulterior motive intended, of course. No Madison Avenue Man ever had an ulterior motive, we are told. Ulcerior, yes. Ulterior, no.

BELL, BAG AND CANVAS

Bell, Bag and Canvas, a hilariously funny take-off on the big hit fight story of past years, Golden Boy, was a welcome bit of fistic fudge on the Ed Sullivan Sunday night television show recently.

The popular comedy team of Johnny Wayne and Frank Shuster were featured in this plip-plop of a plot, treating the fight game with kid gloves. Wayne, we understand, is a former major league ice hockey player which no doubt accounts for his being cool, cool, cool as a laugh man. Shuster, we are told, boxed in college, though, left untold is just what he boxed in college. We didn't ask.

Also in the skit-skat were Vince Barbi, former fighter who has enjoyed much success in motion pictures and television as both a heavy and comic relief; Mike O'Dowd, one-time fighter who now works as a longshoreman (in between numbers) when he isn't bouncing at Roseland in New York; Loupi Toscia, one of the many, many claimants to the Canadian heavyweight wrestling championship and a big banana businessman (top banana in his line no doubt! So, Loupi, who was minding the stalk?), and Billy Doerner, popular young actor and former fighter who is a member of the New York Police Department.

Ken Campbell did an excellent job as casting director. Marlo Lewis was the producer, John Wray the director.

WEDNESDAY TV FIGHT PACT RENEWED

The National Boxing Enterprises and the American Broadcasting Company have renewed their contract to televise the Wednesday night professional boxing matches for another year, it was recently announced.

Truman Gibson, president of the NBE, said the contract which begins October 7, takes the series into its tenth consecutive year. The matches are televised coast to coast.

The Wednesday night fights, since the break-up of the I. B. C., have presented a whirlwind schedule of title bouts, which have taken the play way from the Friday night televised bouts.

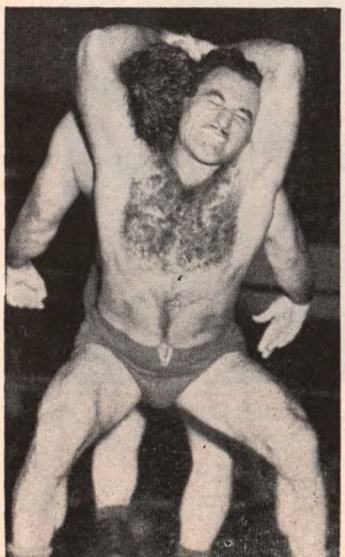
Ed Sullivan's Sunday night television show recently presented a skit entitled Bell, Bag and Canvas, a hilarious take-off on the famous hit Golden Boy. Featured were the comedy team of Wayne and Shuster.

"Characters" in the skit, were (back row L. to R.) Mike O'Dowd, Loupi Toscia and Billy Doerner, and (front row, l. to r.) Johnny Wayne, Frank Shuster and Vince Barbi.

the MAT world

Steffi Heindel (left), German champ, retains her title in contest with another top woman grappler, Elfriede Schwarz, in a West German ring.

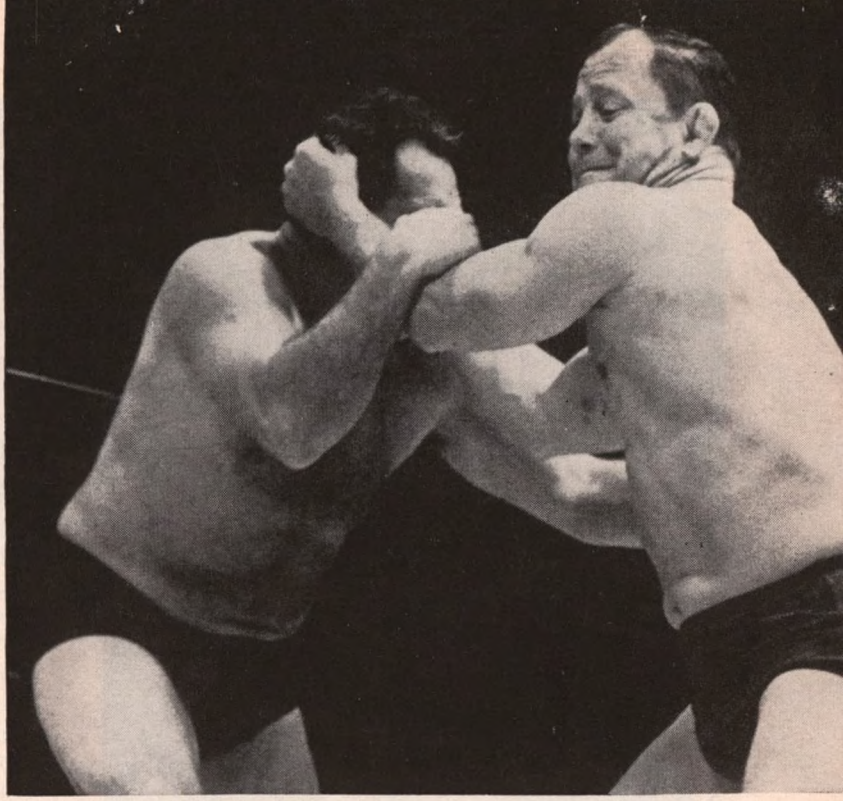
Scotty Williams with an arm bar on Tony Valenti during their match at Houston, Texas, that was won by Williams. (Photo by Bob Utter.)



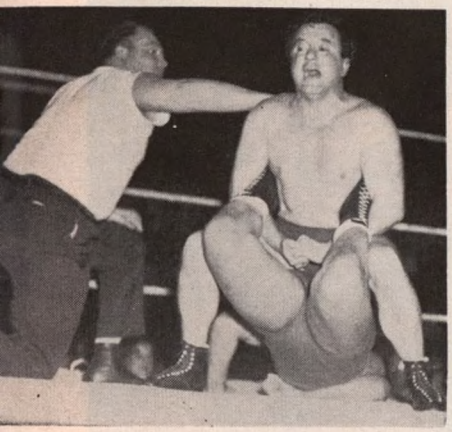
A rare shot of Barone Leone using his famed neckbreaker. Note that his opponent is back to back with Herr Baron. Said opponent is reported to have shouted: "Oh, my aching back!"

"Come here dearie," Rita Cortez, Mexican firebrand, invites Mae Young to a private hair pulling party. "I'll be with you honey . . .," says Mae and shakes heads with Rita. Miss Young won and both dragged themselves out of the ring clattering their broken bones behind them.

By NAT LOUBET



George Becker about to give the toss to Tarzan Tourville in Tag Team contest that saw Tarzan lined up with Two Ton Harris while Becker paired off with Billy Two Rivers. The locale was the Charlotte, North Carolina, arena and the verdict was rendered in favor of the champs, Becker and Two Rivers.



Frankie Talabar made the noise but considering that he had a Boston Crab on Don Eagle it should be the Eagle with his face on the canvas who gave the oral recitation. However it didn't take long to shut Frankie's mouth . . . a few seconds later the Eagle was on top and was winner of the match.

The blonde terror, Miss Kohler, in a European night club, with toe hold on Treindel Langer. Miss Langer won after 26 minutes with a Strangle Hold.

The Mighty Atlas was on the receiving end of a Head Lock held by Karol Krauser in their Houston, Texas, bout. Atlas came back to pin Krauser with a Body Press. (Photo by Bob Utter.)

ON AND AROUND THE MAT WORLD

ANOTHER month but it is the same old story . . . the good guys versus the bad 'uns with no holds barred and heaven help the lad who is sitting down front when our pixilated friends start tossing those bottles. . . . Had a few come close recently . . . some people felt not close enough.

Hear that Little Beaver, midget grappler, of Indian ancestry, who has been a favorite for many a year is recuperating from a serious auto accident that occurred in Canada. . . . Another grappler on the laid up list, Greg Jarque, who received a broken wrist in a Sunnyside Garden bout, is on the recovery march and will be ready for action any hour.

Tony Cosenza is back in action once again with added speed and know how. . . . Kathy Starr back after a swing through midwestern and southern states is now in Canada for the summer season. . . . The gals are really packing them in in Canadian rings . . . even more so than the fellers.

Jack Steel, doing well in the Southern area likened by one fan to a little boy who hasn't grown up . . . he sure looks grown up to me! Kenny Ackles, who was making it big on the stage couldn't stand the pull of his old favorite wrestling and is going great guns in Ohio and West Virginia at last word.

Incidently, you fans who haven't joined any fan clubs . . . the best part of them are the bulletins . . . some of which are as good as many mags I have read.

Word reaches us that Bob Boyer, promising younger wrestler, is now doing well in Charlotte and vicinity. . . . Most recent reading has Jesse James as the holder of the Southern Jr. Heavy Title. . . . Did you know that Freddie Blassie is not half bad as a rock 'n roll singer? The Great Bollo is gaining a rep as the lad who puts the other guys in the arnica and plaster of paris house.

The Grant brothers, George and Chuck, are beginning to rate among the top teams in the mayhem department. . . . Tom Bradley, who looks like an escape from a caveman retreat is a fooler . . . can really wrestle scientific.

Ann Walrond of the Ray Stevens FC is putting out a hot bulletin, another bulletin to cross my desk recently that has a lot of meat is Mary Hasley's Herb Gerwig, big "B" with the good-looking blue cover.

Gene Gordon, Ring correspondent, sends along word of the passing away not so long ago of Paul Lortie from injuries received in a match held in Canada, which was refereed by former boxing great, Joe Louis. . . . So wrestlers don't get hurt, eh?

Princess Moolah back in South Carolina after a successful tour including Texas,

states that all the territories are opening up to girl wrestling and that there aren't enough girls to go around. . . . Sounds like a good chance for those pretty, athletic "utmosts" to enter the pro wrestling field.

Word from Mark Tendler, "Prince Charming," who had a popular stay in the New York Area, that he is teaming up with Aldo Venturi and after a few bouts around Pittsburgh will be going to Buffalo and from there perhaps to Canada.

That colorful Sheik of Araby, who for several months was doing a dance step before each match . . . called this tripping of the light fantastic . . . The Camel Hop . . . What else? . . . Eddie Miller is constantly working at picking up new tricks to ply . . . he can be seen watching as many bouts as possible wherever he is on a show.

Birmingham, Alabama, has had some of the real excitin' boys doing their stuff . . . fellows like 230 pound Ted Christy from LA and Larry Chene, 220 pound roughian from Detroit, Michigan . . . The Fargos, Jesse James, Tor Yamato, Don and Like Fields . . . plenty of action there.

Did you know that Don Leo Jonathon was a Mormon? That he was the protege of Les Ruffin?

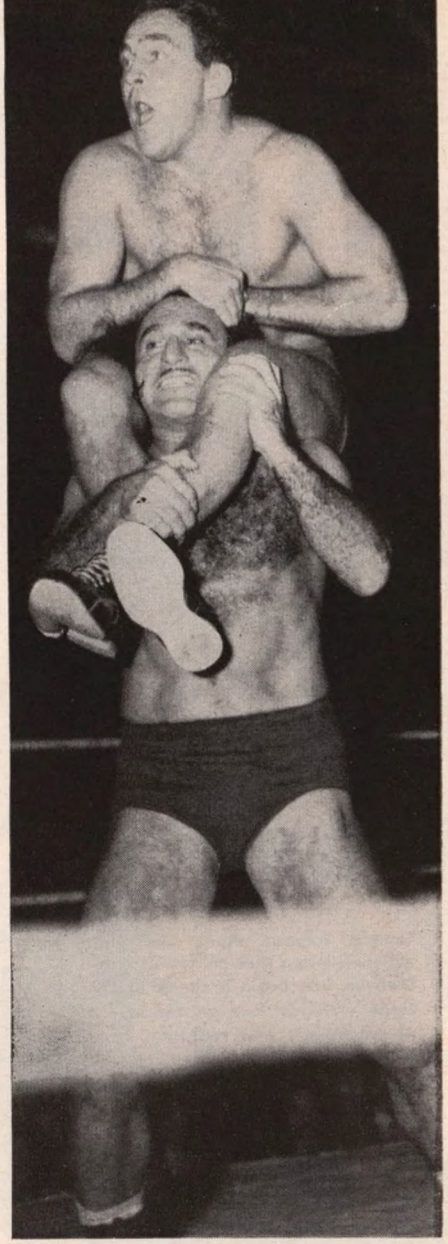
Receiving letters on whether The Great Scott is retiring due to all his new business enterprises . . . word from him is "EMPHATICALLY NO".

POPULARITY POLL

Men	Women
1. Pat O'Connor	1. Kathy Starr
2. Amazing Zuma	2. June Byers
3. Antonio Rocca	3. Princess Moolah
4. Illio Di Paolo	4. Pat Lyda
5. Eddie and Jerry Graham (Team)	5. Penny Banner
6. Ronnie Etchison	6. Betsy Ross
7. Cowboy Ellis	7. Rita Cortez
8. Verne Gagne	8. Nell Stewart
9. Ricki Starr	9. Millie Stafford
10. Lord Athol Layton	

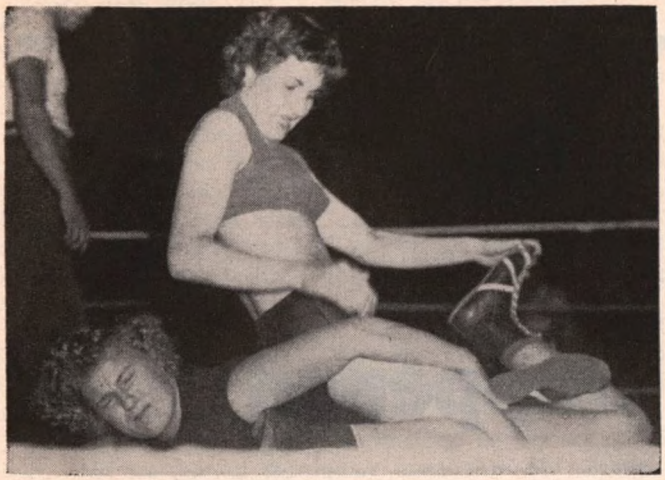
THE FAN CLUB CORNER

True to our promise of keeping you posted on latest news, wrestlers and Fan Clubs we pass on a few of the newest clubs to hit our desk. The Charles "Chuck" Devona FC, President, Pam Deck, 220 Park Ave., Paterson, N. J., The Dick Hutton and Kathy Starr Fan Club, President, Bob Leonard, 2930 Regina Ave., Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada; Sammy Ford Fan Club, President, Hazel Burnett, R. R. 1, Freeburg, Illinois; Jimmy Montenaro Fan Club, President, Margaret Beechler, 803 Farlow St., Springfield, Ohio; The Gene Stanlee Fan Club, President,



Frankie Talabar "riding" the big back of Baron Leone and to make sure he doesn't fall off Frankie had an Anchor Hold on Leone's hair. To show his displeasure Leone flexed with the muscles throwing Frankie boy out, out into the crowded audience. Who won? Herr Barone.

The girls are throwing a little mud but women will be women. Ellen Meire and Ann Muller play real mean. Note the face in the mud routine at right.



Hannelore Hormann, women's German middleweight champ, with leg lock on Elfriede Schwarz. Miss Hormann won and is still champ of all the middles. Note the expression of pain on Miss Schwarz.

Minna F. Priestley, 55 Hansen Ave., Bridgeport, Connecticut; The Dick Beyer Fan Club, President, Ruth Bruce, R. D. No. 2, Oswego, New York; Herb "Don" Gerwig Fan Club, President Mary Hasley, R. R. 6, Faye St., Marietta, Ohio; the Aldo "Tarzan" Venturi Club, President Violet Reuther, 55 Homestead Place, New Rochelle, New York.

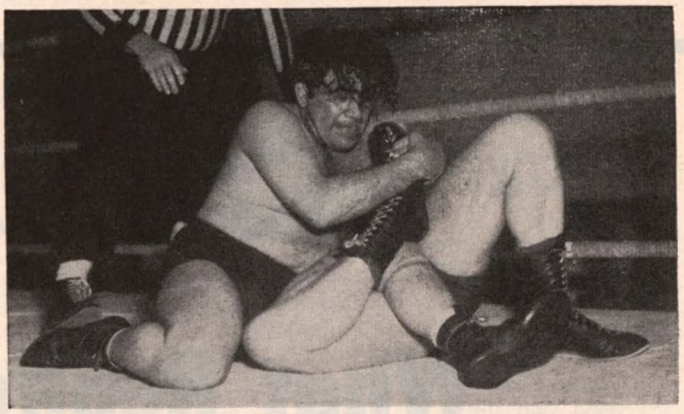
EASTERN ACTION
By Earl Yetter

When it becomes necessary for the powers that be to penalize certain belligerent wrestlers whose unorthodox tactics in the ring cannot help the sport, it appears to be the proper thing to do. Suspension, in some cases, has been meted out as a means of straightening out those who have strayed too far from the straight and narrow path. Faced with the loss of good purses seems to be the proper antidote for wrestling's bad boys. Even Champion Pat O'Connor has remarked that the sport has been invaded by wrestlers who have forgotten all of the rules of the game and that he will do his bit to weed them out of competition. It is a tall order for O'Connor, but we doubt whether he will be able to do the job alone. When anything gets out of line in wrestling, the National Wrestling Alliance is always ready to step in and read the riot act to those responsible for a condition which should not exist. Wrestling always has a way of taking care of itself.

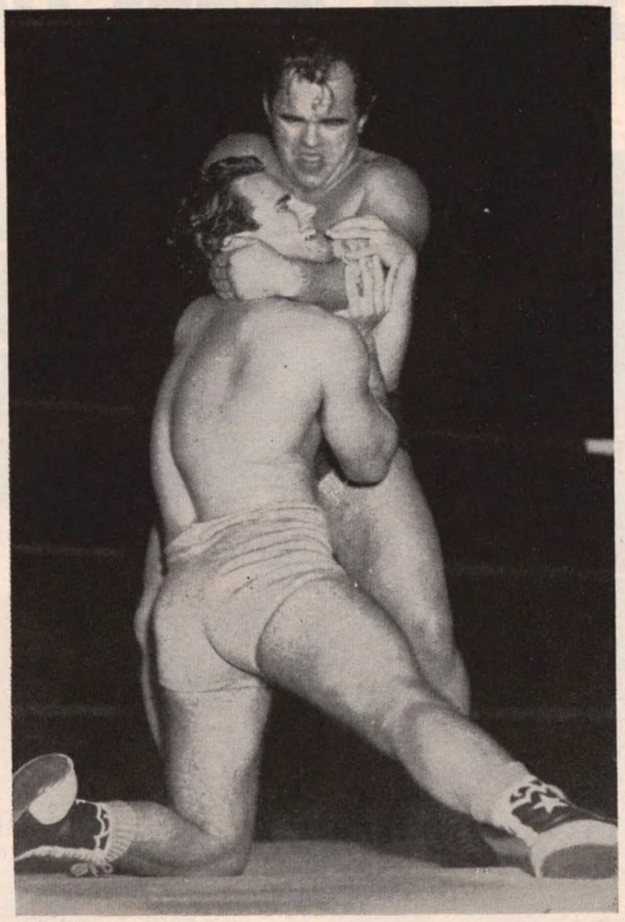
Two admirers of this column write me from England New York. Another notable victory was that over Big Bill Miller in Buffalo. Ilio took plenty of punishment from Miller who had a 50 pound pull in the weights. However, that is when Di Paoli is at his best. He seeks the advantage over an opponent and then strikes. When Miller tried to set him up with a "Backbreaker" Ilio caught Big Bill unawares with his own Airplane Spin for a crashing fall and pin. Di Paolo would like another bout with Champion Pat O'Connor. On the Parade of Champions Show in Buffalo he held O'Connor to a draw and had him wobbling on the ropes when the time ran out. Di Paolo is confident that he can defeat O'Connor in a no time limit down to earth battle for the crown. At least, Di Paolo is entitled to that consideration as he has moved into the front line of contenders in the past few months.

At this writing Ricki Starr has had seven consecutive victories since coming to Buffalo. In those bouts, he was successful in influencing people of his ability and has won many friends both for wrestling and the ballet.

The match-making ability of Promoter Pedro Martinez cannot be denied as he comes up with continual surprises for his clients in upstate New York. Following Ricki Starr's smashing success in Buffalo, Martinez imported the



Bull Montana shown with a leg lock on Gino Angelo at the beginning of their match that was terminated when Montana used a pile driver and other holds to bring down and pin his rival.



Rickie Starr won the match but at this point in the proceedings he was being choked by Karol Krauser.

Amazing Zuma from Argentina and told the people he is greater than Rocca. Zuma showed that he will have to be considered along with other contenders for the heavyweight crown. Although only 210 pounds, Zuma proved that agility and lightning-like reflexes can accomplish miracles in the sport of wrestling. He is one wrestler who lived up to his billing.

Two friends of this column write me from England saying they enjoy the Eastern Action Column. They are Charles Fletcher of Swindon, Wilts, England and Peter Cox of Liverpool. Mr. Fletcher is an admirer of Paul Anderson and Lou Thesz. The writer wishes to thank him for the interesting New Zealand Sports Digest and other papers which he so kindly forwarded. They were appreciated, Mr. Fletcher. Mr. Cox also forwarded detailed in-

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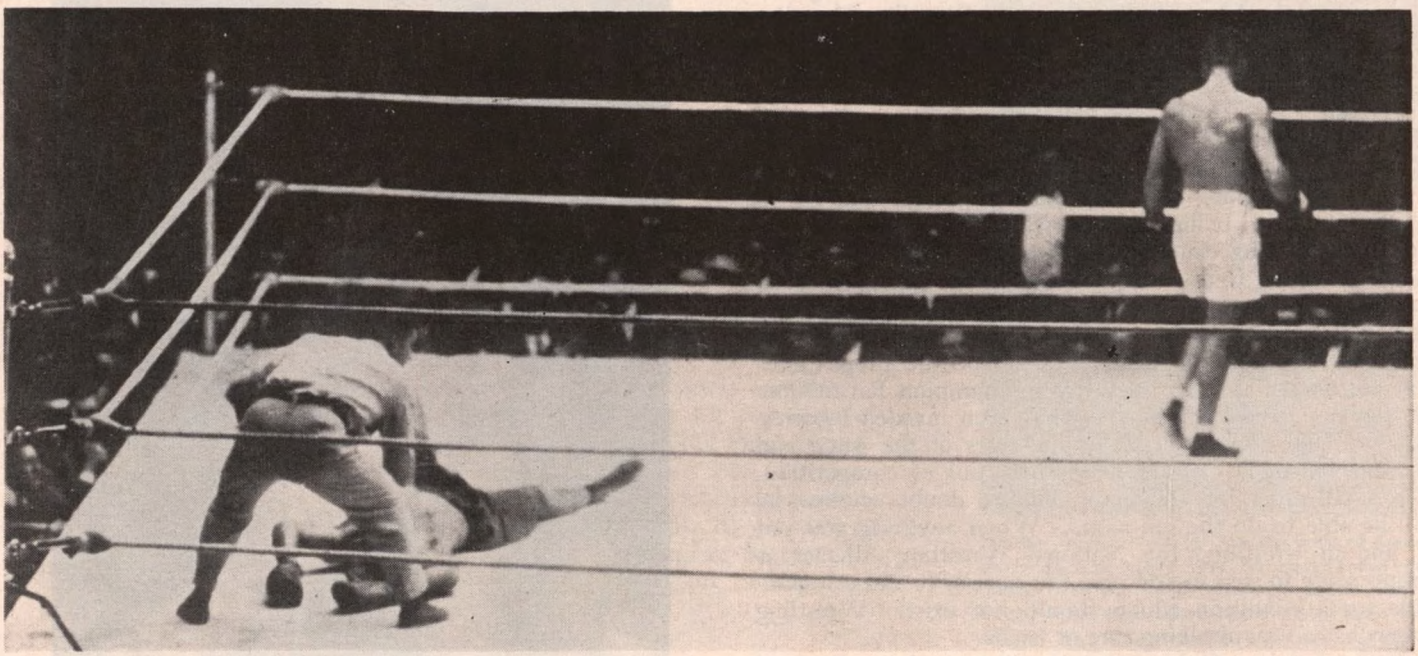
THE RING DETECTIVE

LUIS FIRPO

By DAN DANIEL

What Really Happened On The Night OF Sept. 14, 1923?



Luis Firpo, Argentine heavyweight contender, being counted out in the second round of his fight with Jack Dempsey for the world title. There are those who feel that Firpo should have been awarded the title in first round when Dempsey was out of ring for over ten seconds.

READERS of The Ring Magazine have requested revival of the Ring Detective Series, one of the most interesting features this publication yet has published. Accordingly, a new series of fistic who-dunits is started with this flashback to the Dempsey-Firpo fight. Next month don't miss the inside story of the lightweight championship fight in which, says the legend, Benny Leonard talked himself out of losing the title to Lew Tendler.

It was a warmish September night on the Manhattan side of the turgid Harlem River. To be precise, the date was the 14th, the year 1923, the scene of action, the Polo Grounds, then home of the proud Giants, now just a dismal pigeon roost full of echoes, wraiths and memories.

There was a fight in the old ball park that night. Jack Dempsey, who had acquired the world heavyweight title from Jess Willard at Toledo on July 4, 1919, was defending it against a tremendous, raw, untutored, inexperienced and most inadequately seconded Argentinian, Luis Angel Firpo, the Wild Bull of the Pampas.

What happened that night is not told in the mere entry you will find in Dempsey's record. This is cryptic—"September 14, 1923, New York, L. A. Firpo, KO 2."

Yes, the Bull was knocked out in the second after having been felled no fewer than seven times. And yet you will find sticklers for the plain, unvarnished, lived-up-to Rules and Regulations who will insist that Firpo won the championship that night.

There were some 82,000 persons in the ball park and they paid $1,188,603 into Tex Rickard's box office. Perhaps it was the most tremendous tribute to Tex's genius as a promoter, a gambler–impressario. It was New York's first million dollar fight.

Those 82,000 saw what many veteran reporters have called "the greatest fight I have witnessed." But the fans saw only what they wanted to see, a Dempsey victory. They paid little heed to the ring technicalities which left the way open for Firpo to walk out of the ring and demand recognition as the heavyweight champion of the boxing universe.

How come? Well, in the first round, Firpo belted Dempsey out of the ring. The champion dropped into Bunk Macbeth's ancient Corona portable typewriter. I will never forget the look on his face.

As Jack went hurtling out of the ring, he was an actual loser. He was out of the square more than ten seconds. He was helped back, a loser on two important counts.

Had the battle gone the scheduled fifteen rounds, and been at all close, Dempsey and Referee Johnny Gallagher would have found themselves in no enviable situations.

However, if the rules of boxing were blinked at in the first round, they were most emphatically lived up to in the second when, only 57 seconds after the gong had sounded to resume hostilities, the Mauler belted the Bull with a short right to the jaw. Luis Angel dropped to the canvas as if he had been skulled with a bung starter.

By rights world champion one minute, by all odds a knocked out antagonist quickly thereafter, Firpo ran through the gamut of ring possibilities faster than any other heavyweight contender had run before 1923, and faster than anybody has done it in the intervening 36 years.

Have I written it correctly? 36 years? Yes, 36. No typographical error. And both fighters still are around to talk about it. No rancor at all in the Bull. When he visits New York, he invariably drops into Dempsey's restaurant, and if Jack is in town, it's a rare meeting, indeed. Firpo has no regrets. He went back to the Argentine a rich man.

After more than three decades, the time has come to dig out the facts as they were that September night and not as they were imagined even by those who sat right where Jack came hurtling out of the ring.

What actually happened? In his fine biography of Jack Dempsey, Idol of Fistiana, Nat Fleischer says he was back in the ring in nine seconds.

In a magazine article which has gained wide credence, Jack Kearns, who was Dempsey's manager, wrote, "*Dempsey broke every rule in the book against Firpo. He did everything but bite him. Probably the only reason he did not do that was that Jack never cared for Argentine beef.*"

Kearns then went on to make the very serious statement that Dempsey was out of the ring for a full 20 seconds. In short, Jack actually lost the title.

Some of the reporters insisted that Dempsey had returned to the ring within seven seconds. That, I believe, would have been an impossibility. That the Mauler had been assisted back into the square, a plain violation, nobody could deny.

Some of the reporters held that Dempsey had been out of the ring for ten seconds. And then there were those who insisted that, in his excitement, Referee Gallagher had forgotten to count at all. What the knockdown time-keeper did, nobody knows yet.

If Firpo had had an experienced, wise, resourceful and knowing handler—if, let us say, Al Weill had been the Bull's chief second—there would have been the wildest rhubarb in the history of boxing in this country, and Weill very likely would have made Firpo the champion.

Gallagher was remiss in another way. While Dempsey was belting the Argentinian to the canvas in the first round, the referee let the Mauler get away with murder. Jack did not go back to a neutral corner after the knockdown and Mr. Gallagher didn't care.

In fact, more rules were disregarded in that fight than ever before in a glove fight for the heavyweight title. Nor has anything like it been seen since.

It is extremely doubtful if such remissness and lax attitude would be countenanced today, not by the press, not by the New York Boxing Commission. However, there was a strange climate, a Dempsey climate, in boxing back in September, 1923.

Now let us go back at this 3 minutes 57 seconds of fierce fighting which started with Dempsey a prohibitive favorite at 7 to 1.

Dempsey spent no time at all feeling his man out when the opening round got under way. Jack missed a left, and Luis crashed a right to the face. Jack was stunned but he caught the next punch on the forearm. Lucky for him!

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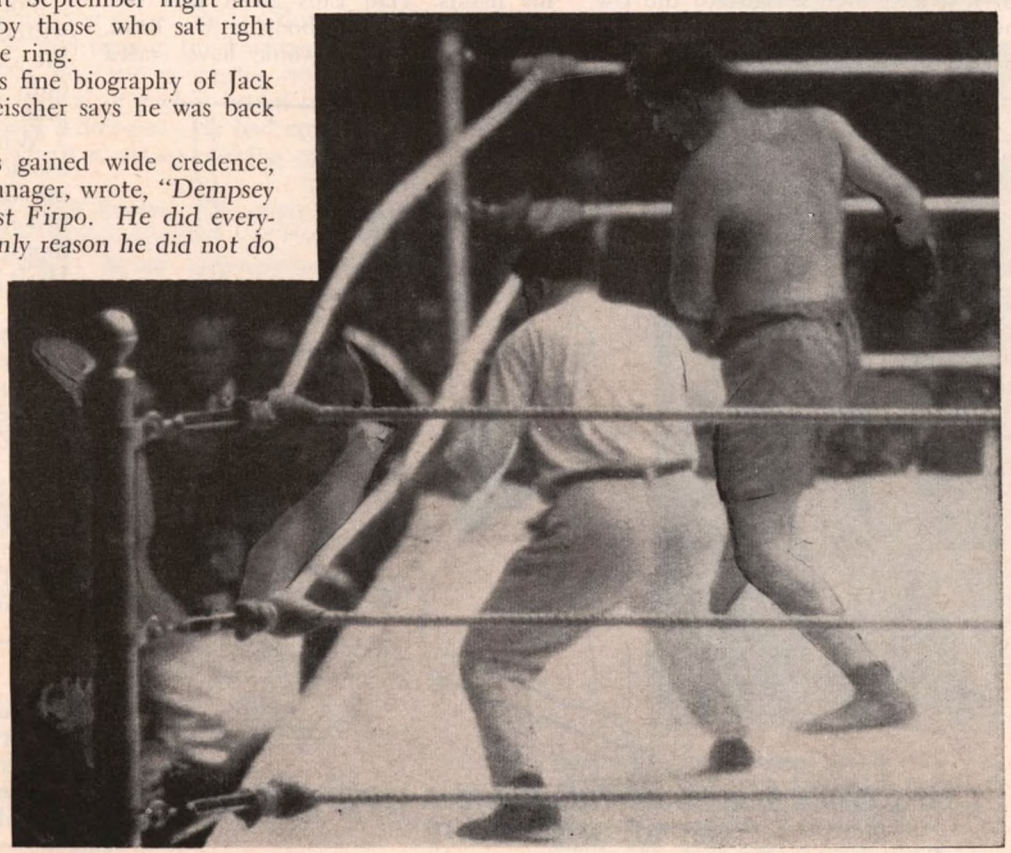

The controversial first round photo showing Dempsey being belted out of the ring. Sticklers for rules to this day insist that at this point Firpo won the championship.

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED ON THE NIGHT OF SEPT. 14, 1923?

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Firpo hit his man with a right to the body and the Mauler's knees sagged. In fact, his knees hit the canvas. But he held on for dear life.

Dempsey knew that if he did not stop this giant soon there would be trouble. So Jack crashed a left to the jaw, and down went the Bull. His Latin blood was boiling at a high temperature and he disdained a count.

Up came the South American with a right to the body and a right to the jaw, staggering the champion.

BUG-EYED SPECTATORS COULDN'T BELIEVE IT

By now the ball park was a Bedlam. The spectators scarcely could believe their eyes. This was DEMPSEY. He was supposed to give the big guy a clobbering, but nobody had told the big guy.

Well, Jack came in with a hard left uppercut and Luis sank, in slow motion.

Firpo tried to rise, but Dempsey, who had been standing over him, unimpeded by Referee Gallagher, banged Firpo with a right to the head. This was Dock No. 7, no rules.

Down went Firpo again, and this time Gallagher bethought himself of the rule book and told Jack to walk away.

After Firpo had got back on his feet, Dempsey hit him with Combination No. I, a left, then a right to the jaw. The Bull hit the boards again, and once more he refused to take a count.

Firpo rushed Dempsey, flailing away with both of his huge fists. Luis started a right from the floor and walloped Jack on the neck. He sent Dempsey flying through the ropes. But flying!

Jack was lucky that the punch missed his jaw. Had it landed there, Dempsey doubtless would have had a busted jaw and the title would have gone, rules or no rules.

As Dempsey dropped in on Macbeth, an able and ablebodied reporter for the Tribune, the fight writers leaped on top of the planking which held their typewriters. Spectators jumped up on their chairs, and if there ever has been anything like that in boxing, it just is not in the book. In short, nothing even faintly resembling the mad scene has occurred in an American ring.

REPORTERS JUMPED ON BOARDS, ALL COLLAPSED

The thin boards which acted as the reporters' desks could not hold the weight and they collapsed. The reporters tumbled in so many heaps amidst the broken planks, falling typewriters and tremendous excitement.

Some of the reporters got mixed up with the front row of paying customers, most of whom were trying to get a view of the out-of-the-ring Jack and, at $50 a shot, were seeing nothing but writers and busted boards.

Well, Dempsey couldn't stay out of the ring very long, so some obliging reporters pushed him up and through the ropes.

Dempsey still was dazed. He held up his hands. Had Luis given Jack one solid wallop to the body or the head, the fight doubtless would have ended then and there.

But Firpo had gone nuts. He still was sore because Dempsey had not let him get to his feet. Jack grabbed Luis and held him tight. The bell never sounded more welcome to the troubled champion.

Would Dempsey weather the storm? Would the South American pursue his offensive in the second round and gain the championship?

Dempsey was in remarkable physical condition or he would not have made it.

Firpo was badly used up. After all, though he had belted Jack out of the ring, he himself had been knocked down repeatedly and he was not the bold caballero he had been at the opening bell. However let it be said that Firpo's courage, his determination, never sagged for a moment.

Dempsey threw a left hook to the jaw, and Luis Angel hit the deck for five. Again Dempsey stood over him. Firpo walloped one to the neck, but Jack punished him in the estomago and the head and Luis tried to grab the champion. Jack would not let him.

One to the body, one to the head, another to the head, and then a right to the jaw and the fight was over.

Well, it all happened a long time ago, and maybe there were extenuating circumstances for Referee Gallagher.

He found himself in a situation without a parellel and he was not up to it. Perhaps no other referee on the New York 1923 list would have done any better. But how those rules were murdered, in every section and every clause.

For weeks, boxing reporters, plain writers and super experts alike, argued the various points. But one fact stood out,—Jack Dempsey still was the champion.

What did Jack say in his dressing room? "I never had such a fight in all my life. When he socked me in the first round and knocked me through the ropes I thought my finish had come. He is the hardest puncher I have faced. I hit him with everything I had and he kept right on crawling off the floor."

The Ring Detective's verdict:—Jack Dempsey really lost the title that night at the Polo Grounds. But, as things turned out, it was all for the best. Jack made a great champion and while he was up there, did more for boxing than any other title holder. However, the fact remains,—a handler like crafty Weill would have sent the title to South America.

"IT'S ONLY SEVEN! IN THIS STATE A FIGHTER CAN'T GET UP UNTIL EIGHT"

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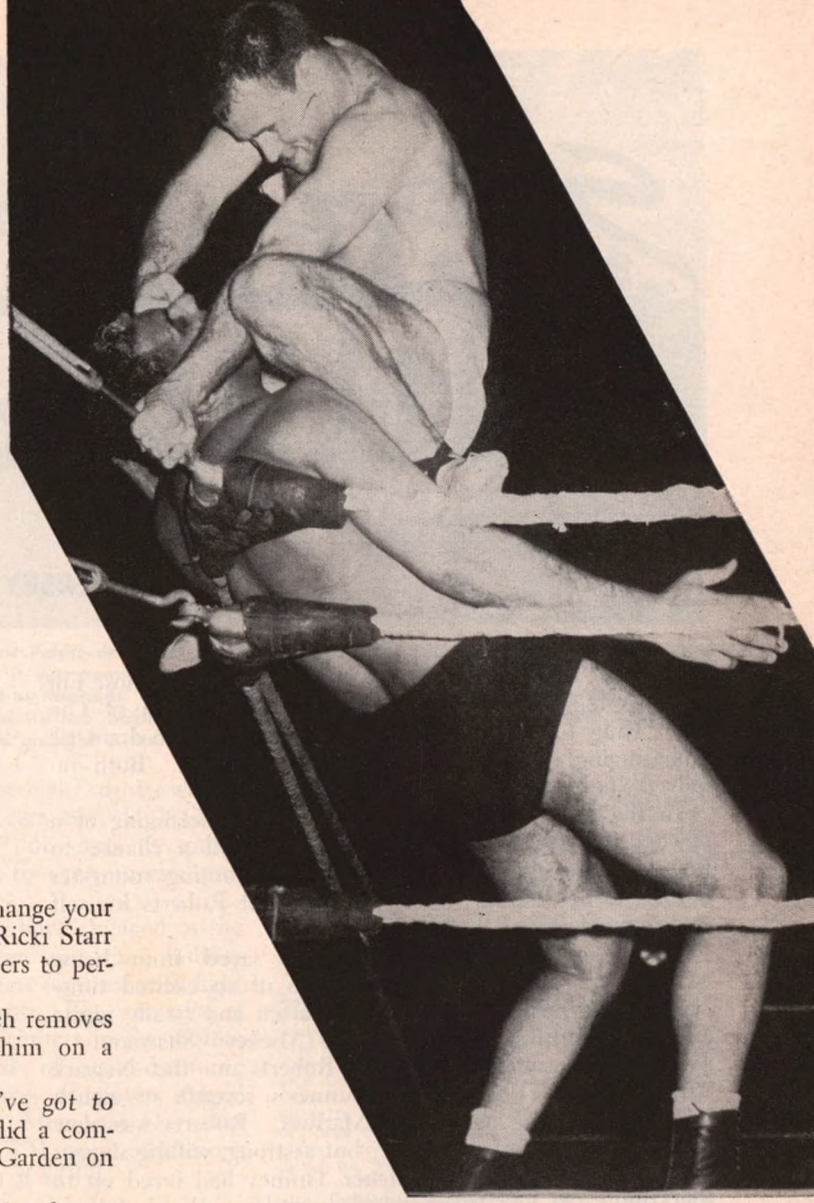
THE SENSATIONAL

Ricki Starr



By EARLE YETTER

YOU say there is nothing new in wrestling? You will change your mind when you see the dazzling new appeal of one Ricki Starr of St. Louis, who moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform.

This new idol of the fans has that certain something which removes him from the ranks of an ordinary grappler and places him on a pedestal as a unique and glamorous personality.

The wrestling fans in New York City have that "*You've got to show me attitude*" and hardened cynics and sportswriters did a complete turn about when Ricki Starr jammed Madison Square Garden on several occasions last year.

To the average person, Starr would be taken for anything but a professional wrestler. Standing 5′ 9″ and tipping the Fairbanks to the tune of 190 pounds, it would seem that the youngster would have chosen some nice quiet profession instead of such a brutal body contact sport as wrestling. But Ricki was a dreamer. He had contrived a new approach to offer a business which is always seeking something unusual.

In his younger days, Ricki was a ballet dancer. He sought a career on the stage and appeared in such Broadway hits as "Paint Your Wagon" and "Annie Get Your Gun." As an accomplished ballet dancer he also appeared with the famed Ballet Russe. But there came a time when stage engagements were few and far between, so in order to eat regular he decided to take his talent into another line of endeavor.

Someone told Starr about the fabulous fees paid to the reigning mat stars. So, at 24 years old, the youngster contrived wrestling routines combined with what he did in the ballet, the pirouettes and acrobatic gyrations so necessary in ballet interpretations. The result has been like a dream and he is now amazing audiences from coast to coast. He is unique in every respect and the fact that he never gives the same performance twice sets him aside as something decidedly unusual.

It is amazing to see him throw opponents around who outweigh him by 30 to 40 pounds.

Upon entering the ring, Ricki walks to one side and starts limbering up exercises. He does a few steps of ballet and the fan can be heard murmuring. Now, he does a couple bumps and grinds a la Elvis Presley, but I must say that the ballbearing gyrations of Ricki's hips put Presley completely in the background.

In his initial appearance in Buffalo, N. Y. the fans took this lad completely to their hearts. When he was being pummeled by his

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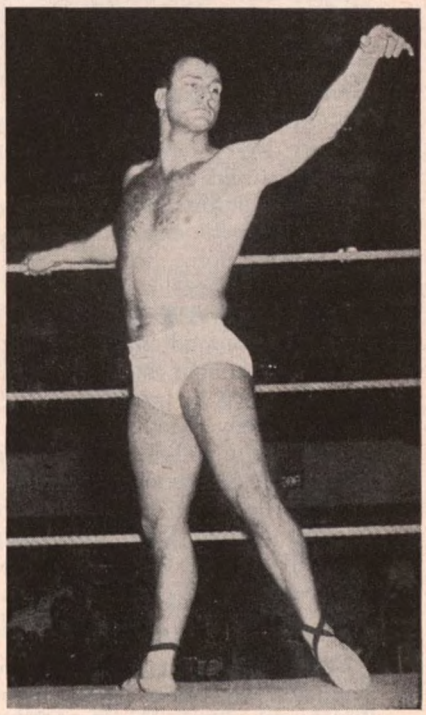

Top: Starr using his agility, among other things, as he weakens the hugh Lenny Montana in Buffalo, New York, ring. Montana, now appearing in upstate as Chief Chewacki, was finally drop-kicked to d feat by Ricki. Below: Starr as he looks in ballet routine.

Seen and Heard in new york

By JERSEY JONES

LESTER BROMBERG's entertaining feature, "Those For Whom The Bells Toll," in last month's issue of The Ring, brought back vivid recollections of two dramatic gong-ringing episodes nearly four decades ago. Both involved Staten Island heavyweight Al Roberts.

In the first affair, Roberts, mistaking the clanging of a cowbell for the ending of a round, missed a chance to floor and probably knock out an up-and-coming youngster named Gene Tunney. Later in the bout Roberts himself was stopped.

In the second incident, Roberts, saved from being counted out by the premature action of an excited timekeeper, recovered and went on to flatten and fatally injure another promising youngster, Ray (Mickey) Shannon.

When he squared off with Roberts in the Newark Armory late in 1919, it was Tunney's seventh or eighth bout after coming out of the Marines. Roberts was slow and crude in boxing technique, but a strong, willing slugger and the most dangerous puncher Tunney had faced up to that time. Al was tremendously popular with his fellow-workers on a Staten Island railroad, and a noisy crowd of them followed him wherever he fought.

In the second round of the Tunney affair, Roberts nailed Gene with a lusty right on the chin. Tunney was hurt. His eyes glazed, his knees buckled, and he reeled back on rubbery legs. One more solid clout and the Greenwich Villager would certainly have hit the canvas.

Roberts never started that punch. As Tunney staggered, Al's enthusiastic cohorts promptly turned loose a deafening racket with horns, whistles, bells and a varied assortment of other noise-producing gadgets.

Just as he was about to belt Tunney again, Roberts suddenly spun around and walked to his corner. In the excitement, Al thought he heard the gong ending the round. Actually, what he heard above all that din was a cowbell.

It must have been at least ten seconds before his frantic handlers were able to convince Roberts that the round still had a half-minute or so to go. By the time the Staten Islander resumed hostilities, however, Tunney had recovered. From then on a cautious, systematic Tunney gradually wore Roberts down and finally stopped him in the seventh.

THE SHANNON TRAGEDY.

We've often wondered what would have happened to Tunney's ring career had it not been for that cowbell in the second round. We were fairly close to Gene in those days and, personally, don't believe he was equipped, psychologically, to absorb a knockout defeat at that stage of his fistic development. Had he been demolished by Roberts, it is quite conceivable that Tunney would have quit the ring then and there, instead of going on to become world heavyweight champion and author of one of boxing history's most interesting chapters.

The grimly ironic part of the Roberts-Shannon tragedy, about a year after the Tunney episode, was that Mickey lost his life in a bout he rightfully should have won. The site was the Jersey City Armory.

Shannon, a strong, aggressive youngster out of West Virginia, but living in Newark, blasted Roberts with a thunderous right in the third round. Down went the Staten Islander, flat on his back, completely out. There wasn't a twitch out of him as the referee began the toll of the doleful decimals.

We don't recall just where the count had reached when the gong suddenly clanged.

Ex-lightweight champion Freddie Welsh, sitting next to us in the working press section, jumped to his feet. He was holding a stop-watch. "The round was thirty-two seconds short," he yelled.

It was ruefully admitted later by the timekeeper, a substitute for the regular official, that the round had, indeed, been cut short. He explained it was not intentional; he'd become excited and rang the bell by accident.

Joe Jeannette, Roberts' chief handler, climbed into the ring, hauled his unconscious charge back to his corner and began working feverishly to revive him.

Roberts was still groggy when the fourth round started, but he knew enough to scamper around the ring, staying out of range of the determined but slow-moving Shannon.

Mickey was still chasing Roberts in the fifth when Al suddenly paused in his flight and in desperation threw a right. In his eagerness to catch his opponent, Shannon had become careless of his own defense and the punch crashed against his unprotected chin. Mickey was lifted off his feet and deposited in a heap on the canvas, his head hitting the floor with a sickening thud. Counted out, he failed to regain consciousness and was rushed to a hospital, where he died several hours later.

ADIEU PALAIS DES SPORTS.

It was only fitting and proper that France's lone current world champion, bantamweight Alphonse Halimi, should have headlined the last big fight card in Paris' historic Palais des Sports. (Tuning up for his coming title defense against Mexican Joe Becerra in Los Angeles, Halimi stopped the Filipino, Al Asuncion, in the fifth round.)

After a half-century or more of operations, the Palais is being demolished to make way for a mammoth new building project.

Originally built for bicycle racing, the arena was first known as the Veldrome d'Hiver, or "Vel' d'Hiv'" as it was more popularly called, During its early years, bike racing continued to be the main attraction, but other events—boxing, circuses, et al.—moved in for occasional dates when the pedaling schedule permitted.

The first important fight in the Vel' d'Hiv' was the middleweight meeting of Frenchman Adrien Hogan and American Willie Lewis in 1913. In the same ring Jack Johnson defended his heavyweight title against another touring Yank, Frank Moran, shortly before the outbreak of World War I in 1914. It was his sensational one-round knockout of Charley Ledoux there in 1922 that led to Eugene Criqui's crack at Johnny Kilbane and the featherweight title in New York the following year.

In the mid-'20s, American Jeff Dickson, then establishing himself as Europe's leading sports promoter, moved into the Vel' d'Hiv' and the name of the arena was changed to Palais des Sports. Boxing became a regular instead of occasional attraction on the schedule, and through the years—during Dickson's and succeeding regimes—no arena in the world, with the one exception of New York's Madison Square Garden, presented more important international attractions, championship bouts included, than the Palais.

With the passing of the historic edifice, Paris is left without a major indoor sports arena. So fas as boxing is concerned, there still is the ancient Salle Wagram but, like our St. Nick's, it isn't large enough for outstanding promotions. There is some talk that, for the time being, a pre-fabricated building, capable of accommodating 7,000 or 8,000 and which could be put up and taken down in a hurry, may be located in the spacious Exposition Grounds on the Paris outskirts.

Historic Palais des Sport (inside view of arena shown in upper right insert) when it was known as the Velodrome de Hiver, or "Vel' d'Hiv'" as it was called by Parisians. After a half-century of notable sports promotions, the arena staged its last boxing show with world bantamweight champion Alphonse Halimi giving it a fitting finale.

AROUND THE RING.

With Sunnyside Garden already closed for the summer, and St. Nick's now declaring a "vacation", New Yorkers are in for an exceedingly weak fistic fare these next few months. The only arena still functioning is Madison Square Garden, and fights cards there depend on what Friday nights are available.

Jake Zeramby, 50 when he died recently in his home town of Lynn, Mass., was a popular attraction in and around the Boston area thirty years ago. He was only 20 when he hit the Big Time with a surprise decision over Andre Routis, then world featherweight champion in a non-title affair. Other notable performances during Jake's career were a knockout of Newport Johnny Brown and decisions over Johnny Farr, Eddie Anderson and Bruce Flowers. He also won and lost in a two-bout series with local rival Sammy Fuller.

From this point of observation, the revival of the synthetic "junior welterweight" division is a bit on the ridiculous side. There aren't enough good fighters now for the eight regular weight classes, and we certainly don't need any silly "junior" divisions to spread the scarce talent to even scarcer proportions.

How conditions have changed in the sock market! Time was when holiday sports schedules were jammed with fight shows, and Scranton, Pa., was one of the liveliest fistic centers in the nation. Featuring a card of up-and-coming youngsters, Scranton promoters staged a show this past Memorial Day that drew a total of 131 paid admissions and gross receipts of $185!

THE month's results:

Although repeatedly warned for low punching Tony DiBiase, 148¾, Astoria, did enough clean hitting to edge out a split decision over Curley Monroe, 145, Worcester, Mass., in a scrambling ten at St. Nicholas Arena. DiBiase was penalized one round, the third, for letting his fists stray out of bounds, and drew reprimands in the fifth, seventh and eighth. Monroe also incurred Referee Arthur Mercante's displeasure by rabbit-punching in the first and butting in the tenth. The plodding DiBiase forced the milling most of the way, using both hands to Monroe's head and body, while Curley scored well with counter-punches. During the eighth round a brief, impromptu scuffle broke out between Vic Cutroni, Monroe's manager, and Ed Kurath, one of DiBiase's noisy rooters. After a few punches had been exchanged, the special police halted activities. Julie Jamison, 154, Wappinger Falls, N. Y., outpointed Joe Fusco, 157, Waterbury, Conn., in the semi-final six. Another six ended abruptly at 1:39 of the second with Waddell Hanna, 171, Philadelphia, halting Floyd McCoy, 175, Brooklyn. In fours, Jose Gonzales, 151, Puerto Rico, whipped Watson Williams, 147, Harlem, and Donald Bailey, 166, West Side, decisioned Sigmund Wortherly, 164, Harlem. Attendance 1,968; gross receipts $4,858.36.

▶Chased out of Madison Square Garden for nearly two months by the annual visit of the Ringling Bros. circus, boxing returned with a heavyweight ten as its headline attraction. The bout, between Alex Miteff, 204½, Argentina, and Wayne Bethea, 208½, Bronx, was something less than sensational. Bethea substituted for Zora Folley, who reported a bruised hand. Miteff won handily enough but he found the lumbering, mauling tactics of his opponent anything but conducive to an exciting brawl. The bout started in lively enough fashion, but slowed down after a couple of rounds and degenerated into a tugging-and-hauling affair, with too much clinching and wrestling. Miteff did some effective scoring with left hooks to Bethea's head and body, while the Bronxite relied mainly on a looping right to Miteff's head. In a pair of eights, Johnny Jenkins, 197, Harlem, was a winner over Harvey Taylor, 172¾, Los Angeles, and Tony LeCola, 151, Brooklyn, returned to action after nearly a year's layoff to punch out a decision over Bobby Pena, 153½, Mexico. In fours, Tito Velez, 147, Puerto Rico, had the better of John Sing Lee, 148, Red Bank, N. J., and Doug Jones, 166, Harlem, edged out Rudy Corney, 162, Brooklyn.

▶In running off his 12th straight win as a pro, Emile Griffith, 147, West Side, had too much of everything for Willie Stevenson, 144, Boston, in a one-sided ten at St. Nicholas Arena. Using an effective left hand to jab and hook Stevenson almost at will, Griffith varied his assault on the Bostonian by occasionally shooting over fast rights. A pair of them dropped Stevenson for an automatic eight-count in the fourth. Apparently realizing he was overmatched, Stevenson made little effort, after the opening round, to do any fighting. He seemed intent on going the route and staying away from unnecessary trouble. The semi-final six ended at 2:11 of the second with Al Milone, 156½, Coney Island, demolishing Angelo Alleague, 159½, East Side. Another scheduled six also was abbreviated, Larry Jones, 142, West Side, halting Julio Romero, 142, Puerto Rico, at the end of the third. In fours, Ronnie Porambo, 147¼, Elizabeth, N. J., won from Johnny McGowan, 148, Astoria; Angelo Coloncito, 122, East Side, decisioned manuel Rodriguez, 120, Puerto Rico, and Billy Rooks, 157¼, West Side, polished off Leverette Coleman, 156¼, West Side, at 1:19 of the second. The non-TV'd card drew an attendance of 1,402 and gross receipts of $2,648.

▶Appearing for the first time in Madison Square Garden and on national TV, Alonzo Johnson, 185½, Pittsburgh, made the most of the opportunity by boxing and punching his way to a clean-cut decision over the fading Cuban veteran, Nino Valdes, in a not too exciting ten. In posting his 16th win in 17 pro starts, Johnson, a former National Golden Gloves champion, proved too fast and shifty for the aging Valdes. Peppering his opponent with left jabs and hooks, the Pittsburgher also scored well at times with fast rights. Unable to compete with the speedier Johnson at long range, Valdes tried to make use of his weight and strength at infighting, but Johnson did a good job of tying up the Cuban in the clinches. Buddy Turman, 179½, Tyler, Tex., outfought Bob Cleroux, 198¼, Montreal, in a gruelling semi-final eight. A scheduled six terminated at 2:16 of the fourth when Don Warner, 184½, Philadelphia, stiffened Rudy Watkins, 198¼, Baltimore. In fours, Freddie Todino, 179¾, Bronx, drew with Al Norton, 172, Brooklyn; Henri Wallitsch, 189½, Astoria, decisioned Carl Warme, 186½, Bridgeport, Conn., and Louis Jones, 192, Rockford, Ill., kayoed Richie Pittman, 184, Pittsburgh, at 1:09 of the second.

▶For lusty hitting and sustained action, one of the best fights of the season was a sizzling ten in which Benny (Kid) Paret,

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IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By BILL MILLER

L.A. boxing writers had a picnic writing funnies about the Olympic Auditorium brawl between Eddie Perkins, Chicago, 137, and Hilario Morales, Mexico, 136. Perkins won the fight, but he lost his shirt, as well as his pants, coat, traveling bag and money—stolen from the dressing-room. The thieves left the hotel key, but that was all.

It was a rather dram affair; Perkins outboxed Hilario, won the unanimous duke—as follows: Referee Tommy Hart, 98-94; Judge John Thomas, 99-95; Judge Jack McDonald, 97-94. On hand, something less than 2,000.

Emilio Flores, 134, defeated Joey Armstrong, 134, in the six-round semi-final, a very good scrap. Unanimous verdict. The fours: Ollie Galloway, 133, dec. Joe Jacobs, 133; Mike Coronado, 146, dec. American Laurindo, 144; and Bob Smith, 178, drew with Lalo Lozano, 177.

▶Let the glaring headlines tell the story: EXAMINER—"Fight Quiz Witness Leonard Beaten". MIRROR-NEWS: "Mob Vengeance HITS Boxing Quiz Witness". HEARALD-EXPRESS: "Fight Promoter Leonard Beaten, Blames Mafia.'

You probably read the story in your local paper. Jackie Leonard, Hollywood Legion promoter, was brutally slugged in the garage of his home. Assailants (of course0) unknown.

Because of the headlines and attendant notoriety, the federal, state and city authorities went into a big huddle. The F.B.I., too. Leonard, still in the hospital at this writing, is expected to recover though he had a brain concussion and partial paralysis on the right side.

This is presumably the aftermath of that investigation, a couple of weeks ago, mentioned further down in these notes.

▶Art Aragon rides again. The Golden Boy, 151½, scored a three-round knockout over Rocky Caballero, Austin (Tex.), 154, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. But Art's feelings were hurt when the show failed to pack 'em to capacity.

"Have I lost my glitter" he asked. No, indeed; they are now talking about another Joe Micelli fight, and—if he survives that one—a meeting with Don Jordan, world welter champ, over whom Aragon holds two decisions.

On hand, about 4100; gross gate $7,100. Aragon's share, 42½% of the net; Caballero, 17½. "Both were overpaid", said Mort Moss, of the EXAMINER.

Aragon was 4-1 choice and he won thataway. He dropped Caballero twice in Round 3, both for 9-counts. Referee George Latka stepped in to stop further punishment.

In the six-round semi, Ray Walk, 137, TKO (4) over Jimmy Jackson, 136½. The fours: Jim McCarter, 224, KO (3) over Herbert Hair, 199; Henry Williams, 156½, dec. Floyd Buchanan, 138½, and Henry Burke, 163½, dec. Buddy Scantlin, 163½.

▶Long Beach results: Jimmy Martinez, Phoenix, 158, dec. Karl Heinz Guder, Germany, 160, at Long Beach Auditorium. On hand, 1100. In the companion ten, Edgar Basel, Germany, 118½, KO (6) over Baby Rios, 121.

The four-rounders: Matt Collins, 202, KO (4) over Charley McCoy, 187; Maurice Morales, 123, dec. Tommy Goopia, 122.

▶Joey Dorando, Senior, and Joey Dorando, Junior, both former popular fisticians, had a grand opening of their spaghetti salon on Vine Street. Lots of well-known fighting folk on hand.

▶Across the Bay from San Francisco, good Portuguese battlers have always been popular. Newest entry to be given the stamp of approval by Portuguese-American fans is Chico Santos, welterweight champion of Portugal. His third bout in California was also his third victory, when he knocked out Jimmy Smith of Oakland in three rounds. They fought at the Auditorium in Richmond.

In the third Santos dropped his foe with a shower of head punches. Jimmy got to his feet at nine, but Referee Jack Downey halted proceedings. The contest had been billed for ten. Weights: Santos, 137; Smith, 138.

Irish Don Kelly, 153, Richmond, outpointed Leo Howard, 154, Stockton, in a fast action six rounder.

Cleo Frazier, 161, dec. Al Loretz, 160, in 4; Julio Lau, 130, KO'd Bobby Larkin, 135, in 3; Bill Tate, 155, halted Al Barbero, 157, in 4.

▶Attendance of 1300 and gross receipts of $2287 looked like a fairly good house to most observers. But these did not represent a profit margin to Promoter Duke Garabedian in Fresno. Even regional championship bouts can prove expensive items unless the attendance is above average. This contest was won by Hank Casey, California middleweight champion, over Orlando De Pietro.

Casey, of S.F., weighed 157; De Pietro, of Arcadia, Calif., scaled 156. The 12 rounder was staged at Fresno Memorial Auditorium. Referee Frank Manfredo, sole arbiter, scored it 118 to 112 in favor of the state champion.

Casey, aiming nearly all his blows at the head, carried the attack during most of the bout. Hank took the fifth and sixth by wide margins. De Pietro's best rounds were the second and seventh.

Outranking the main event as a crowd pleaser was the spirited six-round draw between Willie Woods, 123, S.F., and Frankie Salas, 126, Los Angeles.

Eddie Jones, 145, KO'd Hector Garcia, 140, in 2.

▶Danny Valdez, 128½, scored a split decision win over Manny Gallardo, 129, stablemate of featherweight king Davey Moore, at Hollywood Legion Stadium. It was a smasher, a real thriller, and the 2500 fans showered the ring with coins at the finish.

Referee John Thomas scored it 97-93; Judge Russ Bradford 97-92, both for Valdez; while Judge Reg Gillmore voted 96-94, for Gallardo.

John de la Vega of the TIMES wrote "It was one of those scraps where it didn't make much difference who got the official verdict" and that sums it up nicely.

Certainly a rematch is in order. Gallardo landed the harder blows, Valdez did most of the leading.

In the six-round semi, Cal Houston, 169, won the unanimous verdict over Willie Bell, 169. The fours: Pancho Loera, 122, TKO (2) over Charlie Cagnagotti, 122½, Jimmy Mitchell, 140, dec. Eddie Baker, 139½, and Enrique Ureta, 163, KO (3) over Jimmy Anderson, 162½.

▶Mauro Vazquez, the Magnificent, 133½, remains untied and undefeated after winning his 25th straight, a split decision over Cisco Andrade, at the Olympic Auditorium. It was his most important triumph.

On hand, a packed house of 9,142; gross gate, $33,349. Referee Frankie Van voted 96-92; Judge Joey Olmos, 95-92, both for Mauro; Judge Tommy Hart scored it 94-94, a draw. The only knockdown of the fight was scored by Andrade, a short right hand in Round 3 for a count of three. For a moment it looked like Cisco had it cinched.

There were two six-rounders. Curly Lee, 183, KO (5) over Franklin Haynes, 188; and Ramon Sarmiento, 125, dec. Raul Serrato, 126. (Sarmiento? Where have I heard that name before!)

The fours: Lester Edwards, 143¾, dec. Frankie Ramirez, 146, and Jesus Ortega, 125, TKO (3) over Gus Hurtado, 122.

▶An official, full-dress investigation of boxing matters was held in the spacious, elegant auditorium of the new L.A. Police Building—where Lieut. Friday and Sergeant Smith hang out. Those Dragnet Boys.

On hand, all members of the State Athletic Commission; a member of the State Attorney General staff; sundry other state and city officials. Witnesses included Truman Gibson, former prexy of the defunct I.B.C., and still a potent power in pugilism; Jackie Leonard, Hollywood Legion Stadium promoter; Don Nesseth, manager of world welter champ Don Jordan; Bill Daly, veteran Jersey manager, well-known on the Coast, and quite a few others.

It was alleged, among other things, that Blinky Palermo of Philadelphia had arrived in Los Angeles and applied pressure on Nesseth and Leonard, demanding a "piece" of Don Jordan on behalf of "other interests".

Under oath, Leonard and Nesseth both testified that they had been threatened with bodily injury, and the name of Ray Arcel was brought up as a reminder.

There were reams and reams of testimony, but of course no immediate action.

Chairman Dan Kilroy of the Commission announced that transcripts of said testimony would be sent to U. S. Attorney Laughlin Waters; District Attorney William McKesson, and State Attorney General Stanley Mosk.

Of this, more anon I'm afraid. We'll hear from the legal gents.

▶All Commissions are guilty of weird rulings and edicts, at one time or another. But local boxing men were shocked speechless by the announcement that Jack Kearns—THE Jack Kearns—had been refused a manager's license in California.

Kearns, who'll be 77 in August, managed former world champions Jack Dempsey, Mickey Walker, Joe Maxiim, Jackie Fields and others; now has a "piece" of Archie Moore, light-heavy king, and Kenny Lane, No. 1 contender for the lightweight title.

Maybe we'll get some reasons.

▶There are few cities in the U. S. where flyweights can draw a respectable gate. Stockton is one of them, especially when Dommy Ursua is one of the contestants. Dommy, returning to Stockton after two years in his native Philippines, attracted more than 2,000 rooters who paid $4,560 gross to see him outpoint Ray Pacheco in ten rounds.

The box office mighty mites clashed at Stockton's Memorial Auditorium. Weights: Ursua, 115¼; Pacheco, of Las Vegas, 109¼. The score consensus was Ursua, 98; Pacheco, 94. Johnny Reno referred.

Undefeated Benny Casing, 118, Stockton, TKO'd Mike Rios, 122, of San Diego in the second round of a scheduled six.

In another bout booked for six, Dave Brown, 151, San Jose, knocked out Fred Roots, 148, Stockton, in the fifth. John Balla, 175, TKO'd Lou Gill, 168, in 2.

▶Boots Monroe, 127, and Kid Irapuato, Tijuana, 126½, put up a great scrap at Hollywood Legion Stadium before a crowd of 3,000. The official verdict was a draw, but there was violent dissension.

Judge Charley Randolph scored it 97-92 for Monroe; Judge Mushy Callahan voted 95-93 for Irapuato, and Referee Jimmy Wilson settled the matter—but not the arguments—by voting 96-96.

Boots had a big lead going into the 7th, but Irapuato staged a desperate rally in the final rounds.

In the six-round semi, Chuck Whitaker, 134, scored the unanimous decision over Emilio Flores, Colton, 133.

The fours: Ray Munoz, 147, KO (4) over Roy Simon, 146; Herbert Hair, 201, dec. Fred McMurray, 201; and Larry Sandoval, 141½, dec. Danny Duggan, 138.

▶And now another rumor, this one disquieting to old-timers hereabouts. There is talk that Hollywood Legion Stadium, the most famous small club in the United States, may be converted into a 38-alley bowling establishment. Members of Hollywood Legion Post 43 are scheduled to vote on it.

The Legion seats about 6,000, and in its heyday was a Golconda, a mint. There was a time when ringside seats were scalped for two or three times their face value.

Jackie Leonard, current promoter, won't give up without a struggle. I don't blame him.

This is one of the nicest, cleanest clubs in the land. It was "born" in the early Twenties and among its matchmakers were Charley McDonald, Tom Gallery, Gene Doyle, Tom Kennedy and Baron von Stumme. First matchmaker was Frank Crowley.

▶World welterweight champ Don Jordan and his manager, Don Nesseth, have gone into the airplane biz. They have purchased an interest in an Army B-25, in company with Pilot John Bowman; will stock the plane with water tanks and use it for fighting fires.

▶Billy Peacock has definitely retired from the ring, and his many friends will be glad to know that Bill has become a bank-clerk, having passed the necessary exams.

But there will still be a Peacock in boxing. Billy's kid brother Tom, a rangy goungster, has launched his career as an amateur. He looks good in his gym workouts.

▶Jackie Leonard, Hollywood Legion Stadium promoter, has taken on a partner. He is Don Chargin, youthful promoter at the Oakland Auditorium, and according to John de la Vega's story in the L.A. TIMES, Chargin is investing $25,000.

Chargin will continue promoting in Oakland.

▶"Young" Jack Root, first light-heavyweight champion of the world, celebrated his 83rd birthday on May 26th—in Paris. Root, the picture of health, and one of the best-

dressed men in Los Angeles, makes an annual excursion trip to Europe.

Jack is well-fixed financially, thanks to shrewd investments and profitable real-estate deals over the years.

In point of friends, he is one of the richest men in the world. Everybody who knows him loves old Jack—I mean "young" Jack

▶A single scoring point made the difference in Billy Murray's favor at Richmond, when the Stockton middleweight won a hairline verdict over Chico Cirino of San Francisco. Weights: Murray, 152; Cirino, 154.

Referee Tony Bosnich scored it 97-96 for Murray. Press consensus was in favor of Cirino, 98-96.

Murray was the aggressor in most of the rounds.

Johnny Bermudez, 131, S.F., pounded out a six-round decision over Tommy Chan, 136, Oakland. They had fought a draw the previous week.

John Houston, 163, Oakland, outpointed Cleo Frazier, 161, Stockton, in another six.

Murphy Holmes, 157, knocked out Joe Atchan, 158, in 2.

▶Managers of the main-event boxers stole much of the attention at San Jose when Angelo Rogers and John Bustamente traded wild punches after Louie Molina, 138, San Jose, knocked out Kildo Nunez, 137, Tijuana. The end came in 2.07 of the fifth round of a scheduled ten at the San Jose Civic Auditorium.

Nunez' manager, Bustamente, complained to Referee Johnny Lotsy that his fighter had been struck an illegal blow to the back of the head. Rogers, manager of Molina, leaped into the ring and challenged Bustamente. They were finally separated by the referee and seconds. It was Molina's second straight pro victory.

▶Long Beach results: Roy Smith, 181, defeated Andy Isaac, 183½, in the 10-round feature at Long Beach Auditorium. In the six-round semi, Eddie Jackson and Cleve Graham, light-heavyweights, battled to a draw. The fours: Floyd Buchanan, 167½, KO (4) over Benny Doyle, 166; Bob Smith, 183, KO (1) over Pete Alexander, 190½, and Mac Collins, 195, KO (2) over Cliff Hawkins, 181.

▶Larry Boardman, 138½, making his second start since his discharge from the Marine Corps a few months ago, scored an impressive 8-round knockout over Javellana Kid at Hollywood Legion Stadium. The latter is welter champ of the Philippines, an honor which is now inherited by Broadman if he chooses to claim it. Javellana Kid, 140.

On hand, about 2,800 of the faithful; gross gate, $3,950.

Boardman floored the Filipino for a three-count in Round 1; for a 1-count in Round 2, and twice in Round 8, after which Referee Les Grossman decided that the humane thing to do was halt hostilities. Some weeks ago, in Sacramento, Boardman trounced Leo Agbulos, Stockton Filipino.

Spider Walker, 125¾, grabbed the unanimous decision over Collier Cox, 126, in the six-round semi. The fours: Floyd Buchanan, 160, dec. Lee Turner, 167; Babe Bales, 120, drew with Paul Ramos, 117; and Jess Ariaga, 127, dec. Johnny Ladnier, 125½.

▶At the Civic Auditorium in San Jose, Baby Brown, 123, Los Angeles, fought to a draw with Mike Rios, 122, of Tijuana. Referee Vern Bybee called it all even when Rios received a cut eye in the third round of a scheduled ten.

Brown was leading by several points on all scorecards. Bybee's decision followed a California Commission rule that a fighter butted and injured can be given a draw, even if behind on points. It was a Rios brother performance at the Auditorium, with Baby Rios, 121, outpointing Ross Padilla, 120, of Stockton, in the ten-round cofeature.

Wayne Thornton, 160, Fresno, decisioned Toro Zanes, 159, Tijuana, in a six-rounder. Jorge Martinez, 131, dec. Johnny Bermudez, 130, in 4.

▶"For sustained action, the fight was one of the best witnessed at the Oakland arena in years." This was the audience and press consensus following the clash at the Oakland Auditorium between Sixto Rodriquez, 173, and Junius Washington, 174. Rodriquez won by a margin of one point on most scorecards.

Rodriquez, of San Anselmo, former state lightheavyweight champion, scored a two-count knockdown in the first. Washington, veteran Oakland audience pleaser, made his big offensive in the eight, putting Rodriquez down for eight. Only a fast finish by Sixto enabled him to retain his slim lead.

Archie Moore, lightheavy champion, refereed the six round feature bout, in which Bobby Sanders, 146, S.F., outpointed Milton Jones, 149, Stockton.

In another six, John Houston, 160, Oakland, decisioned Cleo Frazier, 163, Stockton. Johnny Bermudez, 131, and Tommy Chan, 136, went four rounds to a draw.

▶It was an action-filled fight throughout, but the audience at Merced probably will remember the ninth round as the highlight. Middleweights Woody Winslow, 158, and Dave Johnson, 158, kept on slugging after the bell, and it took all the handlers and the referee to separate the eager maulers. The verdict at the close of the ten rounder was a draw.

Winslow, Merced resident, and Johnson, from San Francisco, were given a thunderous ovation by the pleased onlookers at the Merced County Fair grounds exhibition hall.

In a scheduled six, Tony Norega, 142, Fresno, scored a TKO over Eddie Jones, 143, Merced, in the fifth round.

Bobby Sanders, 147, S.F., outpointed Milton Jones, 149, Stockton. This was also a six. Luke Souza, 160, KO'd Leo Howard, 161, in four.

MAURO VAZQUEZ

Mauro Vazquez, undefeated young Mexican lightweight contender, has become the idol of his native land and California with his fancy boxing and hard-hitting style. It has carried him to twenty-four straight victories, eighteen of them by knockouts. Among his kayo victims are Baby Vasquez, Ike Chestnut, Gil Cadilli, Armand Savoie, Kenny Davis, Hank Aceves, Pete Kawala, Jimmy Moser and Herman Duncan. Vasquez has fought eight times in Los Angeles—and on each occasion it was before a packed house.

▶From Jerry Mullany: Adherents of both Eddie Machen and Rueben Vargas were apprehensive before their clash in San Francisco. A knockout loss could have been disastrous to the career of either heavyweight. But after a close win by Machen in a fast ten-rounder, Eddie retained his place in the contenders' ranks, and Vargas still held attention as a sensational youngster who might soon win a spot in the top ten.

The televised battle at the Cow Palace was blacked out in the San Francisco area. The gross receipts were $57,272, and the paid attendance 11,172. Many veteran sports observers were surprised on the Wednesday audience potential in San Francisco. Earlier the same day, 17,500 had watched the Giants and Milwaukee in a baseball setto three miles from the Cow Palace.

Vargas had the biggest payday of his career, getting approximately $16,000, including his TV cut. Machen's stipend was about the same as Vargas'.

The San Francisco rooting section, which used to be 90 per cent pro-Machen, has shifted in ratio in the past two years. This Cow Palace crowd seemed to be nearly all Vargas. When Rueben clouted Eddie with heavy overhands, the roar was deafening. When Eddie landed thunderous one-twos to the chin, the audience appeared to grow silent.

To most neutral observers it was a tough fight to score, and they were glad to leave the risky point checking to the officials. Referee Vern Bybee called it 98-95; Judge Matt Zidich, 97-95, and Judge Jack Downey, 96-94. All these were in favor of Machen.

Most of the press gave Machen six rounds, with his jab proving the most effective weapon. Though there were no knockdowns, Machen was tagged solidly in the third, and Vargas withstood a series of heavy cannonades in the fifth.

Paul Machen, 158, Portland, TKO'd John Wolmac, S.F., 164, in the first. Paul is a brother of Eddie.

The fours: Henry Berrera, 139, dec. Tony Noreiga, 148; Ronnie Perez, 123, dec. Freddie Viscarra, 119; Pineapples Pallega, 150, drew with Milton Jones, 147; Morris Duran, 135, TKO's Tommy Chan, 134, in 4.

▶Paul Andrews, 199, formerly a busy contender among the top ranked lightheavyweights, punched out a clean cut verdict over Duke Sabedong, 217, at the Civic Auditorium in Oakland. It was Andrews' first start in two years, but despite this layoff, he looked unusually sharp against his heavier and rugged opponent.

Consensus in the point score was 99-93 for Andrews. Jack Downey refereed.

Andrews, formerly of Buffalo, N. Y., now resides in Los Angeles. Sabedong, a San Francisco resident, originally came from Hawaii.

Two featured bouts were slated for eight rounds. Herman Henry, 192, San Francisco, knocked out Sandy Assogne, 190, Australia, in the fifth. Billy Fields, 220, S.F., drew with Keith King, 203, S.F.

▶Danny Kidd, of Manila, one of the top-rated world's bantamweights, won on a technical knockout when Frankie Duarte of Los Angeles failed to answer the bell for the eighth round at the Memorial Auditorium in Stockton. Each weighed 120.

Duarte put up a good fight until he injured his shoulder in the seventh. Frankie was a last day substitute for Herman Marquez of Stockton, who was sidelined with the flu.

Four rounders: Charles Smith, 147, KO'd Milt Jones, 144, in 4; George Page, 135, dec. Al Carroll, 129; Al Loretz, 165, outpointed Fred Roots, 163.

▶It was the 16th professional victory in 17 fights for Joey Padilla, when he decisioned clever Jimmy Feaster in a ten rounder at the Civic Auditorium in San Jose. Weights: Padilla, of San Jose, 138; Feaster, of Las Vegas, Nev., 136. Both men took numerous solid wallops, but there were no knockdowns.

In an eight-rounder, Dave Brown, 153, San Jose, outpunched Roell Mosely, 154, Las Vegas. Arnie Carter, 166, TKO'd Pancho Lopez, 163, in 1; J. P. Spender, 186, dec. Len Cassanova, 176, in 4.

BOXING IN SONORO
By E. Campillo G.

▶**IN A LABOR DAY FESTIVAL FORMER STARS OF THE RING APPEARED** in five fights of six rounds each. Here are the results:

Pedro Gonzalez, 146, kayoed Negro Sandoval, 148, in the second.

Former welterweight, Hielero Oritz, 150, won over Camilo Flores, 147, in 6.

Luis Castillo, 121, former bantamweight Mexican champ, won by a KO in second over Raul de Leon, 118, Castillo.

Ernesto Aguilar, 142, another bantam champ, won by a TKO over Fillo Prado, 149.

Freddie Aragon, 127, decisioned Maestrito Rivas, 126, in a thrilling fight.

▶The Torpedo Yaqui, Ruddy Corona, 118, decisioned Grillo Aguilar, 122, in 10 rounds.

Antonio Gutierrez, 124, won a ten rounder over Sabino Gonzalez, 129.

Daniel Amieva, 118, defeated Pedro Hernandez, 120, in six.

Ramiro Nides, 110, stopped Silvino Esparza, 113, in 4.

Charrito Velarde, 106, won over Jose Villa, 107, by a kayo in 4.

▶Everardo Armenta, 145, decisioned Enrique Esquenda, 146, in 10.

Henry Macias, 125, kayoed Danny Yamashiro, 126, in 8.

Remolino Lugo, 129, stopped Daniel Sanchez, 132, in the third.

Pedro Hernandez, 118, and Erasmo Lugo, 122, drew in 6.

Florentino Caro, 123, stopped Ramon Valenzuela, 122, in the first.

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THE MAT WORLD

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formation on the wrestling situation in England. Bert Assirati and Billy Joyce are wrangling over the heavyweight championship of England. "The midgets went over big here," says Mr. Cox.

Reports have come in over my grapevine to the effect that two Buffalo boys have moved themselves right into national tag team competition. They are none other than Don Beitelman and Mark Lewin and they have been causing plenty of commotion in New York, New Jersey and other points. Beitelman is now wrestling under the name of Don Curtis and together they have combined into one of the fastest tag team duos operating on the mat today.

Donn and Ted Lewin are brothers of Mark and are also prominent wrestlers. Why shouldn't they be prominent, they are brothers-in-law to Danny McShain, who has taught the three boys all of the tricks of the trade. Overnight, Donn Lewin did a complete transition from a nice guy to a villain. He became tired of taking beatings in the early part of his mat career and now he ranks with the leading villains of the mat. Donn even surprises his dad, a prominent Buffalo jeweler, with his antics in the ring. The pesky lad joined the Army when he was only 16 years old. He was big for his age, so no one questioned his veracity. In the service he learned plenty of meanness and Donn took it with him when he decided to make wrestling his career.

So, they don't get hurt in wrestling, huh? Bill Longson, Bob Orton and Micky Gold are among those who have sustained broken backs on the mat. Gold is a prominent chiropractor in California, while Orton and Longson are still active on the mat. Stories could be written about injuries and even death suffered on the mat.

That smiling Irishman, Mike Clancy is a throw back to "Sliding" Billy Hansen, who used to get out of danger by skidding from the ring via his feet, the back of his head and his arms. Larry Moquin, the Montreal husky, also used that means of escape from an opponent, and in operation it is a dazzling achievement which takes months and months to accomplish.

The purpose of this column will be to give you intimate anecdotes on wrestlers and wrestling as a whole. The writer can be contacted at 138 Lockwood Ave., Buffalo 20, N. Y.

TEXAS RASSLIN' . . . .
By Texas Bob Utter

It appears that Frederick Thomas Curry just can't get along with anyone!

Frederick Thomas Curry in this case is none other than Bull Curry, who claims to be from both Hartford, Conn., and Boston, Mass. In checking with both cities, I found that Boston claims he is from Hartford and Hartford claims he is from Boston. Bull might be called the wrestling orphan.

Joey Maxim, former world's light-heavyweight champion, turned wrestler under the promotional eye of Houston Promoter Morris P. Sigel and was nearly murdered by one Frederick Thomas Curry.

Action turned into a four way brawl with Joe Christy, Maxim's second, setting things off. Curry was in the middle along with Referee Marvin Jones. Bull won the first fall with a Boston crab while Pal Joey knocked his opponent cold to win the second fall. Joey never hit that hard as a fighter. During the third fall, Curry ripped off Referee Jones' pants, tied Christy to a corner post, and then stomped Maxim into defeat.

The battlin' Bull returned the following week to hand Dangerous Danny McShane a severe trouncing before 8,000 Curry fans at the City Auditorium. McShane won the first fall; Curry the second and third. Two referees were used, Otto Kuss and Lester Welch, with both working on the outside of the ring. McShane hit Welch over the head with a chair; Welch then hit McShane and in turn gave the match to Curry.

Former world's heavyweight champion Lou Thesz returned to Houston and won two straight falls over previously undefeated El Lobo before a standing room crowd. Lobo, meaning The Wolf, lost the first fall by a disqualification. Thesz won the second session with a back-drop.

Bull Curry's only loss in Houston was to Danny McShane on an unpopular decision handed down by Referee Maxim. Danny Boy won the first fall and Bull the second. While trying to separate the two wildcats during the third fall, Maxim tripped over Curry, causing him to fall with McShane on top. Maxim figured a pin and gave the match to Danny. This brought about the match between Curry and Maxim.

DALLAS, TEX.

Texas Heavyweight Champion Punchy Joe Christy headlined a card promoted by Ed McLemore at the Sportatorium with Danny McShane being Joe's opponent. Danny substituted for Mike Sharpe who failed to show. Christy refused to put his Texas belt on the line.

Joe's win over Danny was a fluke. In the third and deciding fall, McShane became entangled in the ropes and was the victim of a 10 count. After getting out of the ropes, McShane pinned Christy but was informed that he had already been counted out.

SAN ANTONIO, TEX.

Mike Sharpe was the big draw at the Wrestlethon during the past month by winning two bouts and losing one. He downed Danny McShane in straight falls and then flopped Chief Big Heart in two. Mike lost to Rocky Colombo by disqualification.

Preliminary action saw Pancho Lopez defeat Tony Barbeto; Benny Matta beat Lou Plummer; Chief Big Heart and Johnny Walker drew. Pancho Lopez downed Cowboy Lester Welch; Lopez beat El Lobo; Rocky Colombo and Luigi Macera drew.

GALVESTON, TEX.

Promoter Norm Clark featured the man of the hour, Bull Curry, in four main event slots with the Bull winning two and being disqualified in the other pair.

ATLANTA, GA.

Dickie Gunkel defeated Freddie Blassie to claim the Southern States heavyweight championship. Ray Gunkel and his partner Don McClarity lost a tag team bout to Lord Mills and Skull Murphy. Action was held at the City Auditorium.

CHATTANOOGA, TENN.

A six-man tag match headlined action at the Memorial Auditorium recently with Luke and Don Field and Tex Riley defeating the Fargo brothers, Jackie, Don and Sonny. Jessica Rogers pinned Nell Stewart in the gal's match while Don Fargo and Don Field drew. Promoter Nick Gulas estimated the crowd at 5,000.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Argentina Zuma and Carlos Rodriquez battle to a standstill at Little Rock's Robinson Auditorium recently with the latter winning a hard fought decision. Preliminary bouts went to Dory Funk and Ivan the Terrible over Angelo Savoldi and Bad Boy Hines in a tag match. Ivan beat Hines and Funk and Savoldi drew in the opener.

KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Tag action at Chilhowee Park in Knoxville recently saw the tandem of Pat Fraley and Red Roberts team to defeat Tor Yamato and Charlie Keene in two of three falls. Another tag melee saw Tex Riley and Chris Belkas go to a stalemate with Chuck and George Grant. More tag action saw the Grants defeat Pat and Freddie Fraley. Tag action again saw the Fraleys defeat Danny Dusek and Chief Red Cloud.

In a single bout main event Red Roberts notched a win over Tor Yamato when Yamato tried to pour a bottle of iodine into Roberts' eyes. It was a wild match with a near riot breaking out.

China Mira won over Nell Stewart in the opener.

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SEEN & HEARD IN N. Y.

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153½, Cuba, finished the stronger to edge out Rudy Sawyer, 151¼, Harlem, at St. Nicholas Arena. The rivals set a furious pace all the way, spicing their efforts with frequent exciting exchanges. Sawyer was the harder hitter of the two, but Paret, with his combinations, scored oftener. It was anybody's fight going into the last two rounds but Paret seemed to have a bit more in reserve than Sawyer. A gory semi-final six ended in a draw between Johnny Melendez, 137¼, East Side, and Sid Lugo, 138¼, Brooklyn. Both boys were smeared with blood at the finish. Two of the preliminary fours failed to go beyond one round. Benny Gordon, 136, West Side, polished off Ray Rossy, 133¾, Puerto Rico, at 1:24, and Baxter Faust, 173, Brooklyn, was not permitted to go out for the second against Thomas Kelly, 168, West Side. In other fours, Eskil Emerson, 161, West Side, was too strong for George Kennedy, 156, Elmhurst, and Jose Gonzales, 154, Puerto Rico, outfought Jimmy McNair, 156½, West Side. The attendance was 1,616 and the gross gate $3,404.18.

▶ Although officially he was held to a draw, Dick Tiger, 163½, Nigerian holder of the British Empire middleweight title, registered a fine impression in his American debut by his aggressiveness and busy two-handed punching against Rory Calhoun, 163¼, White Plains, in a hard-fought ten in Madison Square Garden. Physically and fistically, Tiger (nee Ihetu) shaped up as a bigger edition of his fellow-Nigerian, former world featherweight champion Hogan (Kid) Bassey. He set the pace most of the way, scoring effectively at both long range and in close, and several times jolted Calhoun with left hooks and straight rights. Tiger was in front until the closing rounds when Calhoun rallied to make the final count a close one. Judge Bill Recht favored Tiger 6-3-1, Judge Bill Forst tabbed for Calhoun 5-4-1 and Referee Mark Conn called it even, 5-5, both in rounds and points.

Billy Ryan, 170, Lowell, Mass., outfought Harry Ball, 172, Germany, in a dull semi-final eight. Rocky Fumerelle, 156, Buffalo, decisioned Jay Anderson, 160, Paterson, in six. In fours, Rubin Santana, 134½, Puerto Rico, outpointed Tony Maldonado, 131½, Brooklyn; Rocky Fischetti, 131, Brooklyn, won from Osvaldo Toranto, 131, Argentina, and Dave Coventry, 136, clever little Englishman now living in Irvington, N. J., posted his third professional win by trouncing Tommy O'Connor, 134, Pittsburgh.

▶ Topping the next-to-last fight card of the season at St. Nicholas Arena, rangy Chico Velez, 134¾, Puerto Rico, boxed and punched his way to a unanimous ten-round decision over Frankie Ippolito, 140½, Bronx. With advantages in weight and strength, Ippolito started aggressively enough and scored often with left jabs and hooks to Velez's head in the early rounds but the Pureto Rican stepped up the pace as the bout progressed and from the fourth round on he made good use of his longer reach to keep Ippolito at a distance and jolt him several times with snappy two-handed combinations. Brooklyn made it 2-0 over Philadelphia in a pair of sixes. In the semi-final, Roland Kellem, 134, won from Johnny Bean, 132¼, and in the other six Clayton Thomas, 174½, outpointed Johnny Knight, 173½. In fours, Joe Rubino, 160½, Brooklyn, defeated Felix Machado, 160, Cuba, and Jackie Smith, 133½, Washington Heights, decisioned Bobby Burke, 134, West Side. The non-TV'd show drew a turnout of 1,110 and gross receipts of $1,694.33. AFTER THE BELL. . . . It was grim coincidence that, a month apart, two noted Baltimore sports editors had the final counts droned over them. First it was Jesse Linthicum of the Sun, then Rodger Pippen of the News-Post. Both were in their 70s, and during their long, active careers had been among boxing's staunchest boosters. As a matter of fact. Pippen was a member of the Hall of Fame's Old-Timers Committee. . . . The departures of Linthicum and Pippen from this man's restless world are deep personal losses to this commentator who had known them for years not only as fine newspapermen but as warm personal friends.

Dick Tiger's impressive showing in his American debut against Rory Calhoun has inspired Teddy Brenner, Madison Square Garden's new matchmaker, to dicker for other "alien" visitors to help enliven the fading American boxing scene. Among those for whom Brenner is negotiating is Lazslo Papp, Hungary's three-times Olympic middleweight champion (London 1948, Helsinki 1952 and Melbourne 1956), who has been doing well as a professional . . . Dave Charnley, British Empire lightweight champion, is another European Brenner would like to bring over.

Joey Donovan, 137½, Astoria, outpointed Tommy Garrow, 137, Claremont, N. H., in the semi-final ten. A scheduled eight ended in a hurry, Chico Rollins, 133, West Side, flattening Harold Smith, 135, Washington, D. C., at 1:27 of the first. West Indians had a perfect 4-0 score in preliminary fours, with three Puerto Ricans and one Cuban posting wins. Marcos Morales, 124¾, Puerto Rico, whipped Jimmy Gorman, 127¾, Paterson, N. J.; Santiago Remirez, 134, Cuba, decisioned Charles Wormley, 133½, West Side; Benny Antonetti, 146, Puerto Rico, won from Frankie Madison, 144, Bronx, and Manuel Rodriguez, 122½, Puerto Rico, kayoed Angel Coloncito, 122½, Bronx, at 1:02 of the second.

ALONZO JOHNSON

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drubbing. Then he opposed rangy and seasoned Bully Hunter—scoring an exciting win over him.

Johnson feels that he's ready for top-notch competition. *"The better the fighter I meet,"* he declares, *"the better I can box. I like being extended, forced to do my best. I am confident I can beat most of the rated fighters and am anxious to meet them. But I leave the chore of matching me to Mike. I have full confidence in his judgment. Which is why we get along so well. But I sure am eager to start moving up."*

Thus, a new fistic star will now help to light up the rather lackluster pugilistic heaven.

MIGHTY MITE

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tioning about the matter and has not returned for the proceedings.

Pascual is married to a stocky blonde, Herminia, who is taller than he is. They have two small sons. He reportedly has large investments in his home land and eventually will have to go back and get squared away.

NO WEIGHT PROBLEMS

No matter the politics, however, his countrymen are intensely proud of his pugilistic prowess. He was 22 when he won the Olympic title in 1948. He did not turn pro until 1952. When he did make the shift to the cash ranks, he mowed down his rivals with astonishing power and swiftness.

What made him such an outstanding fighter? A tough, muscular body, enormous determination, and a tremendous wallop for a small man.

Pascual barely stands five feet. He is smaller than most jockeys, even lighter than most riders, but he hits like a welterweight. Unlike most jockeys and other flyweight fighters, he has no trouble to make the 112-pound division limit. He has scaled between 105 and 110 for his title fights. Instead of having to pare down his weight, the dark-haired warrior has to build himself up. He must eat two or three steaks daily and take a two hour nap to help keep up his weight during training.

He has an odd physique for a little guy. He has legs like a football fullback's that give him his drive and the chest of a weightlifter.

In a division where a puncher is an oddity, Perez has scored 35 knockouts. He can take an opponent out with either hand. With that power he has superb boxing skill, fast hands and a rock-ribbed jaw. With all his cleverness, he usually doesn't mind taking a punch to get a chance to toss his own dynamite sticks.

He knocked out Welshman Dai Dower with one punch in one of the most devastating one-round knockouts ever seen in a title fight.

A month after losing to Yaoita, Perez concluded his Japanese campaign by getting back on his winning ways with a ten rounds decision over Kenji Konekura in Tokyo. He packed his bags and went travelling again.

CARLOS ORTIZ WINS JR. WELTER "TITLE"

Hauled out of musty retirement, after 13 years of collecting moths and dust, the synthetic junior welterweight "championship" has a new owner in the person of Carlos Ortiz, 22-year-old Puerto Rican-born New Yorker.

In a bout scheduled for 12 rounds in Madison Square Garden, and endorsed by both the New York State Athletic Commission and the National Boxing Association as for the 140-pound "title", Ortiz was credited with a knockout of southpaw Kenny Lane, of Muskegon, Mich., when an ugly gash above Lane's right eye resulted in a cessation of hostilities at the end of the second round.

It was a sudden, unsatisfactory finish to what promised to be an exciting fight. While it lasted, the bout was fast and spiced by lively exchanges. As early as the first round Ortiz's face began to redden from Lane's snappy right jabs. Early in the second round Ortiz connected with a left-right combination that sent Lane to the canvas. Kenny, more surprised than hurt, was up at the count of four, and a few moments later he opened a slight cut alongside Ortiz's right eye. Just before the bell ended the round, Ortiz landed a right and in an ensuing collision of heads Lane suddenly began spurting blood from his nose and a bad rip above his right eye.

Commission physician Dr. Harry Kleinman hustled into the ring and after examining Lane's injuries he advised Referee Harry Kessler to call a halt. The cut above Lane's eye was an inch and a quarter long and a quarter-inch deep. The patchwork required ten stitches.

Lane scaled exactly 140, while Ortiz weighed 139¼.

A STITCH IN TIME

Rudell enjoys spending his free time playing with his children, above he gives sons Perry and Rodney a ride while the rest of the family look on. (Left to right) Donald, Rudell Jr., Mrs. Roseamae Stitch and baby Janet.

By LEW ESKIN

IT was not too many years ago that Louisville, Ky. was one of the top boxing centers in the nation, but over the past few years, "The Gateway to the South" like so many other fistic centers had fallen by the wayside with little activity and no fighters of note.

That has now all been changed and once again Louisville is a Top Spot in the boxing world, and one youngster can be thanked for putting boxing back in the limelight in the Blue Grass State. He is Rudell Stitch.

Stitch was unknown outside of his home town, and then only the boxing bugs knew him only eight short months ago. Today he looms as the brightest new face in boxing.

Although unseen on television he had rapidly climbed into the top ten of the welterweight class with his splendid victory over highly ranked Isaac Logart of Cuba, before a crowd of over 4,000 home town fans he fought his way to unanimous ten round verdict. Of course Logart's camp screamed "We waz Robbered" and home town decision. We did not see the fight, but the local papers and the wire service agreed with the officials decision.

Logart, last year, when Carmen Basilio gave up his welterweight crown, appeared a sure shot to win the elimination tournament and become the successor to his idol and fellow Cuban Kid Gavilan. However in his fight with Akins, one terrific right uppercut changed that and Isaac has not untracked himself, losing to Don Jordan and now Stitch. In both of these Logart was robbed, according to his manager. The Jordan fight, seen on TV, was close and it did appear as if the Cuban had an edge, but screaming "Robbers" is not helping boxing or Logart.

There is little doubt that the kayo by Akins took a lot out of Isaac and how much more his loss to Stitch in which he was beaten by a great last round rally by Stitch who was told he had to win that round if he was to win the fight.

Well, Rudell's rally not only won the fight but put promoter Rich Keeling in business, as he had gambled a lot in giving Logart a $5,000 guarantee to fight Stitch. Had Rudell failed, it would have put him out of business as the fans would have felt that he was just another good fighter who can't get to the top and would not have supported him. But with his win over Logart, Stitch looms as a contender of merit and his next local showing should do a sell-out.

According to the reports of our correspondent, it was a good hard fought fight in which Stitch carried the action to Logart and was met by Isaac's sharp counter-punching. But Rudell's harder blows wore down Logart enough so that Rudell could stage his slam-bang finish and captured the nod.

The triumph over Logart was the seventh straight for the twenty-five-year-old meat packing house worker and his fourteenth in seventeen pro fights. His first loss of the year on a split decision came on March 3rd at St. Louis, when he was defeated by Pedro Bradley who he spotted some twenty pounds. Manager Bud Bruner said he took the fight with Bradley, Stitch's first eight rounder, just to get some work for his boy who was getting restless just working out in the gym. Stitch had not fought five months when he tackled Bradley.

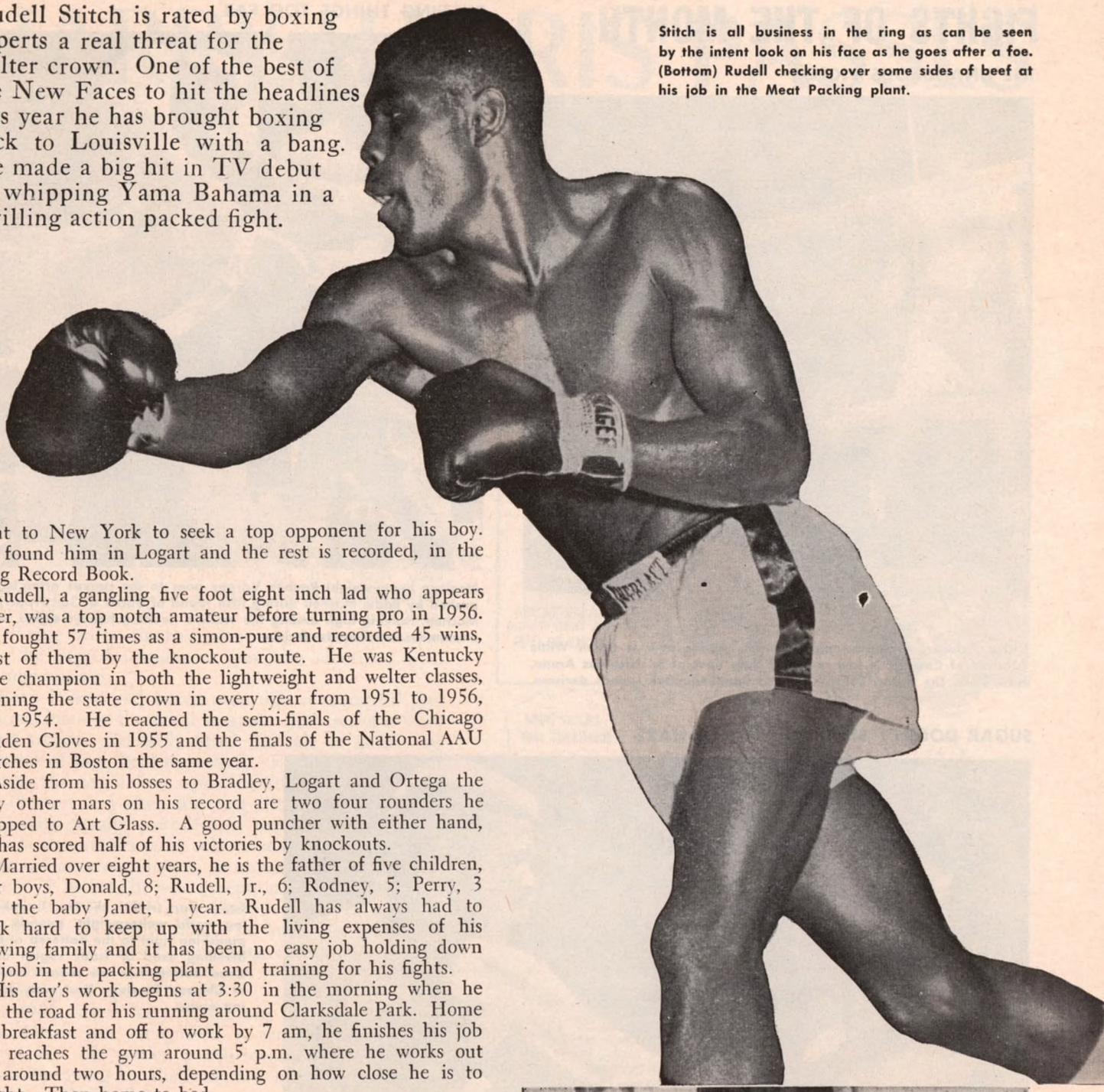
Since then he has been really active, fighting at least once a month. In his next fight he stopped veteran Billy Gillespie in five rounds. Then came the first real test of his career, Charlie Cotton, the crafty Ohio veteran. Although Cotton had gone back from the time he had twice defeated Joey Giardello, he still was a dangerous foe. After a stirring fight Rudell stopped Cotton in the tenth round. He then made it three kayos in a row by halting Elmer Shippe in the third heat.

Now Duke Harris, one time top rated Detroiter, was brought in to face Stitch. Harris had faced most of the top welters and lost a disputed nod to Sugar Hart. Stitch outfought Harris all the way to gain a unanimous decision.

Now manager Bruner was looking around to move his protege, but was unable to find a spot. Then an offer came for Stitch to box Cuban champion Kid Fichique in Havana. Stitch scored an impressive victory over the Cuban and returned home, but were not too impressed as his next bout a kayo over Johnny Neal in three rounds did not draw a big house.

Bruner and Keeling decided that they must gamble big. Bruner felt that Rudell was ready for the best and

Rudell Stitch is rated by boxing experts a real threat for the welter crown. One of the best of the New Faces to hit the headlines this year he has brought boxing back to Louisville with a bang. He made a big hit in TV debut by whipping Yama Bahama in a thrilling action packed fight.



Stitch is all business in the ring as can be seen by the intent look on his face as he goes after a foe. (Bottom) Rudell checking over some sides of beef at his job in the Meat Packing plant.

went to New York to seek a top opponent for his boy. He found him in Logart and the rest is recorded, in the Ring Record Book.

Rudell, a gangling five foot eight inch lad who appears taller, was a top notch amateur before turning pro in 1956. He fought 57 times as a simon-pure and recorded 45 wins, most of them by the knockout route. He was Kentucky state champion in both the lightweight and welter classes, winning the state crown in every year from 1951 to 1956, but 1954. He reached the semi-finals of the Chicago Golden Gloves in 1955 and the finals of the National AAU matches in Boston the same year.

Aside from his losses to Bradley, Logart and Ortega the only other mars on his record are two four rounders he dropped to Art Glass. A good puncher with either hand, he has scored half of his victories by knockouts.

Married over eight years, he is the father of five children, four boys, Donald, 8; Rudell, Jr., 6; Rodney, 5; Perry, 3 and the baby Janet, 1 year. Rudell has always had to work hard to keep up with the living expenses of his growing family and it has been no easy job holding down his job in the packing plant and training for his fights.

His day's work begins at 3:30 in the morning when he hits the road for his running around Clarksdale Park. Home for breakfast and off to work by 7 am, he finishes his job and reaches the gym around 5 p.m. where he works out for around two hours, depending on how close he is to a fight. Then home to bed.

So steady a trainer is Stitch that one morning when he failed to do his roadwork after Bruner told him to take the day off, that the policemen on Park beat checked up on him, as they were used to seeing him pounding the pavement each and every day.

Despite his tough grind, Rudell finds time to play with his sons and devote to church work as he is an Elder at the Hope Presbyterian Church.

Now that he has stepped up into the contenders, Rudell would like to give up his job so that he can devote his full energy to boxing, but he has not earned enough money to do that, and it will be necessary for him to stay on the job until he can keep his family going on his ring earnings.

"I know that my boxing suffers by my long working hours, but my family comes first," he has remarked.

His recent wins over Jimmy Beecham and Gaspar Ortega have brought closer the day when his ring earnings will be enough so that he can forego his job as a meat packer.

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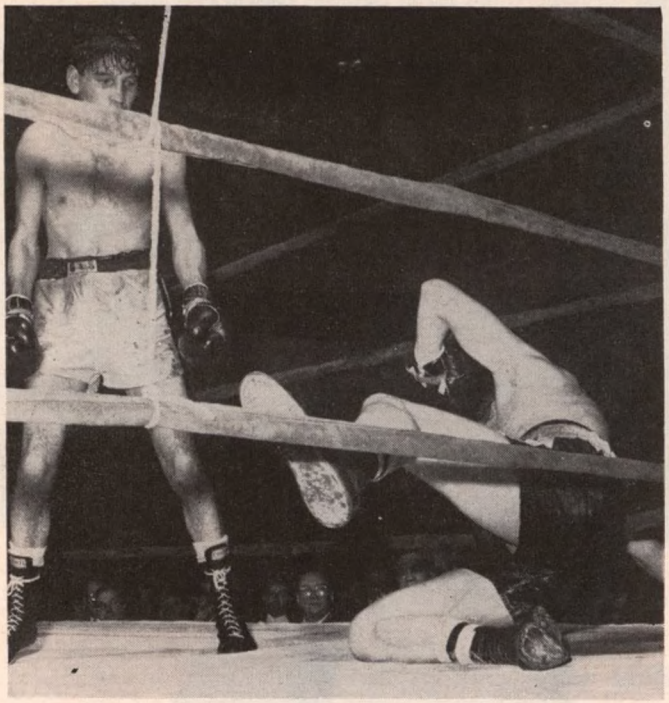
FIGHTS OF THE MONTH

THE UNANIMOUS VICTOR

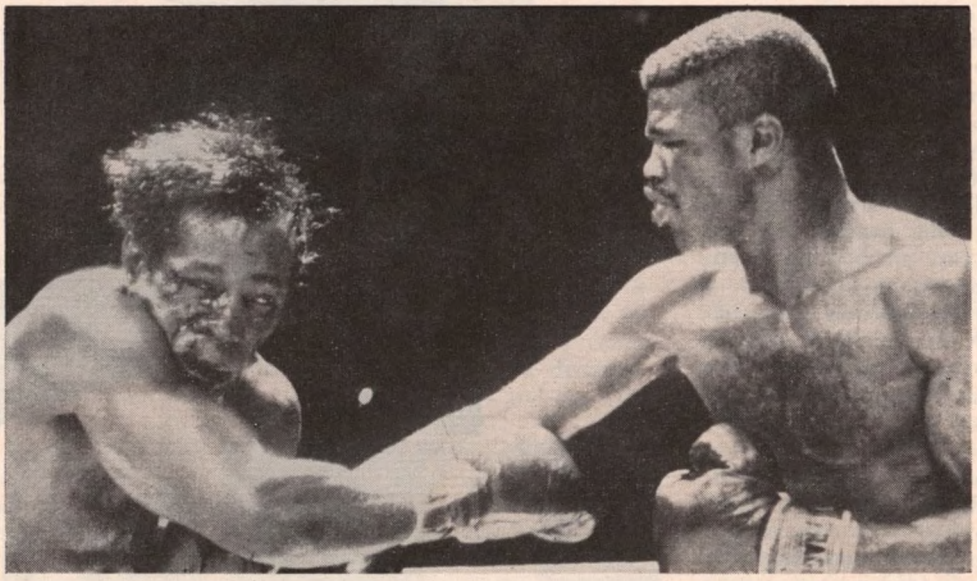


Victor Zalazar, Argentine middleweight, stands over a fallen Wilfie Greaves of Canada in last round of their bout at St. Nicholas Arena, New York. The victor, Zalazar, won a unanimous ten rounds decision.

PUSHING THINGS TOO FAR

Mexican heavyweight Reuben Vargas goes to the canvas after being pushed by Eddie Machen during fifth round of battle at San Francisco. Machen, ranking high among the world's leading heavyweights, won unanimous ten rounds decision.

SUGAR DOESN'T SEEM TO HAVE A HART



Sugar Hart (right), the No. 1 ranking world welterweight, pounds a punishing right to the battered and bleeding head of Isaac Logart of Cuba during then ten rounds bout at Chicago Stadium. Hart won going away.

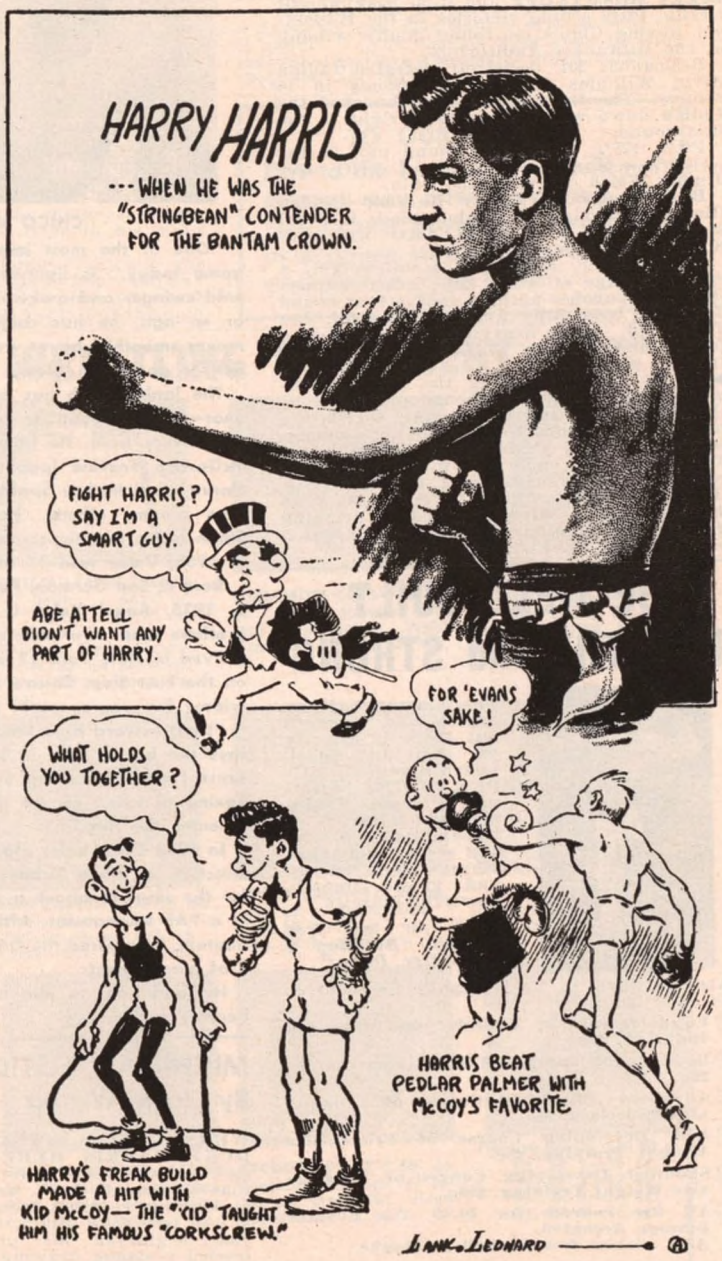
GUSTAV GETS 'EM

Gustav Scholz (right) of Germany, European middleweight champion, pecks away at Ben Salah Farhat of Tunisia on way to scoring ninth round kayo in non-title bout at Hamburg, Germany. The German later defended crown against countryman Hans Werner Wohlers.

HARRY HARRIS PASSES

"Human Hairpin" Bantam Champion Became Prominent in Theatre and Wall Street.

By BILLY WILLIAMS



ONE of the finest personalities in ring history was counted out recently when Harry Harris, 78, died in a New York hospital.

Until a stroke forced him to retire from business about five years ago, you'd never have suspected Harris of being a survivor of those rough and ready days around the turn of the century, when prize-fighting was a hard-bitten trade, indeed. Harry carried no souvenirs of ring strife—the bashed-in nose, the cauliflowered ears, the rugged features so generally identified with old-time bruisers.

Harris looked and talked more like a successful professional man—a theatrical magnate, perhaps, or a Wall Street tycoon. He easily fitted the role of either. As a matter of fact, he'd been both. For nine years after quitting the ring he was a prominent manager of Broadway theatres and after deserting the realm of *Thespis* he became equally successful in battling the bulls and bears in the world's most celebrated *rue d'argent*.

Harry Harris was, indeed, an unusual sort. Measuring 5 feet, 7¾ inches, he was exceptionally tall for a bantamweight. The "Human Hairpin" they called him, but despite his skinny frame, he knew his trade. In eleven years of active campaigning, embracing some 85 fights, he was never knocked out and only twice were decisions given against him.

In 1901, after Terry McGovern had outgrown the class, Harris was recognized as world bantamweight champion. He settled a controversy for the vacant laurels by going to England and beating the British champion, Pedlar Palmer.

A year later Harris emulated McGovern. Increasing avoirdupois pushed him into the featherweight class, and he relinquished the bantam title.

A native of Chicago's South Side, Harry was one-half of a noted twin-brother act. Sammy, the other section of the combination, also became prominent in bantam competition, although he did not attain the eminent estate reached by Harry.

Kid McCoy played a vital role in Harry's early ring career. The Kid spotted the youngster in a Chicago gymnasium one afternoon and was impressed by his natural fighting ability. Taking him in hand, McCoy taught Harris many of his tricks, including the celebrated corkscrew punch. The Kid proved an excellent teacher, and Harry a responsive pupil.

Despite his frail appearance, Harris developed into a vicious puncher and his record was well studded with knockouts.

Harris' ring career began in 1896 and ended in 1907. In his last outing he won on a disqualification from Harlem Tommy Murphy in New York. He quit boxing to become associated with the noted theatrical organization of Klaw & Erlanger. In 1916 the fascination of Wall Street prompted him to leave show business and become an active figure on the Curb Exchange (now known as the American Stock Exchange.)

What Harris regarded as his most interesting experience in the ring was when he made a trip to England during the year of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee. Harry had hoped to get a match with Ben Jordan, the British featherweight champion, but Ben refused to meet him. Meanwhile, a French sports promoter made him an offer for an exhibition with a Jean Dupree, *a la savate* expert, in Paris.

"The French got a lot of fun in those days trapping unsuspecting English and American boxers into the ring

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IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN
With Pinky Mitchell, Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

TWO LOCAL FIGHTERS, HEAVYWEIGHT BILLY BESMANOFF and light heavyweight Orville Pitts scored victories in the Wisconsin Boxing Club's ten-round double windup at the Milwaukee Auditorium.

Besmanoff, 201, decisively defeated Indian Alvin Williams 177½, of Oklahoma in 10 rounds. The German-American knocked the Indian down with an overhand right in the first round.

Pitts, 177½, with a 10 pound pull in the weights scored a seven round TKO over Jimmy Welch of Columbus, Ohio.

Billy Braggs, a former National Golden Gloves lightweight champion, made it seven straight with a 4 round TKO win over Smiley Parker of Detroit.

Don Webber, Milwaukee middleweight, a spitting-image of Tony Zale, never stopped throwing punches until he took a four round TKO win over Billy Arnold of Detroit. Les Fitzgerald, local heavyweight, dropped a four round decision to Leroi Duez of Detroit.

▶At its regular meeting the boxing commission discussed arguments presented at the budget hearings at the state legislature to increase revenue for the boxing commission by putting wrestling under its wing. The commission endorsed by a 3 to 1 vote a resolution by commissioner Billy Goodsitt that, "The State Athletic commission is directly and definitely opposed to bringing professional wrestling under the jurisdiction or control of the Commission."

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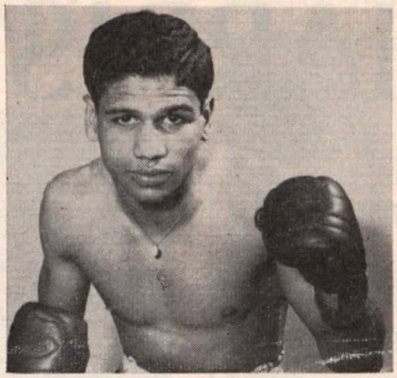

CHICO VELEZ

"One of the most improved boxers in the game today," is lightweight Chico Velez. A wild swinger and awkward boxer only a year or so ago, he has calmed down, and now moves smoothly, boxes well and knows how to deliver damaging blows.

The lanky youth has been going great this year—beating good scrappers and improving with every bout. He holds wins over Charley McGarrity, Frankie Ippolito, Harry Bell, Roger Harvey and Mickey Spataro—all rugged scrappers among others. He outpointed Harold Smith in his first ten-rounder. Since turning pro in 1956, Velez won 17 of 25 contests.

Born in San German, Puerto Rico, on October 2, 1935, Angel Velez is the second of four brothers and two sisters. The entire family arrived in New York 12 years ago and settled on the East Side. Chico's mother, Monserate, a widow five years, works as a seamtress.

"I left Seward High School in the third term," says the boxer, who is 5-foot-10 inches, "because I could not keep my mind on studying. Boxing occupied all my thoughts so I wanted to enter the ring."

In 1953 Chico Velez placed himself under the direction of Mike Rubino who prepared him for the ring. In about a week the boy boxed in a PAL tournament. After seven bouts, as a bantam, he entered the Golden Gloves, winning 8 of nine contests.

His ambition: to join the Police Force—and become a detective.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS
By Jack Waina

WHEN WILF GREAVES DEFEATED DUKE HARRIS HERE seventeen months ago, he was very impressive! So much so, that sportsman C. W. Smith laid out $5,000 to buy his contract from Julia Mintz, wife of the late Jake Mintz, for a friend. Smith, just beginning his promotions, felt he needed a strong drawing card and a fighter who could stand up and eventually become one of the best in the game. In Greaves he felt he had acquired just that.

In his most recent outing, Wilf was thoroughly drubbed by the promising Argentina kayo artist, Victor Zalazar, at the St. Nicholas Arena. Greaves is now taking a three months' rest in hope that some of the luster that rubbed off the past year and a half will be restored.

▶Heading a show promoted by C. W. Smith and backed by the Big "D" Boxing Boosters Club, Gene Gresham, 134½, made the first successful defense of his state lightweight championship against a fellow Detroiter, Chuck Taylor, 134, over the ten round distance at the State Fairgounds Agricultural Building. This was the first boxing show to be staged in Detroit, in over three months.

Gresham, despite a cut under the left eye very early in the bout, boxed coolly at all times and finished with a two-fisted attack against a weary Taylor, who waged a game and determined battle throughout.

The show stealer proved to be the six round semi-final between Ernest "Sonny" Hill, 161, Detroit, and Oscar Burton, 167¾, Detroit, which provided the fans with eighteen minutes of solid action. Hill had his hands full with the clever Burton, but finished stronger to gain a well-earned draw after Oscar had taken the play away from Luther Burgess' undefeated and promising protege in the early rounds.

Sam White, 220 Detroit, stopped Morris Neely, 230, Detroit, after an interesting slugging duel at 2:44 of the fourth round. Neely was a late substitute and in all fairness to him it must be admitted he appeared to run out of gas. Irving Smith, 170, Detroit, repeated an earlier victory over Jack Faulkner, 169½, Bay City, in a four, and Warren Scheibner, 139½, Pontiac, halted Al Green, 132¾, Detroit, at 2:18 of the first round.

▶BEHIND THE HEADLINES . . . L. M. (Let) Philbin, promoter of boxing and wrestling in the Ann Arbor vicinity, is in Uruguay, where he is to coach the boxing team of that country for competition in the Pan-American Games this year. Philbin received this assignment through the State Department under the Cultural-Exchange Agreement between Uruguay and The United States . . . Tony Ross, Jr., popular exfighter, who has been the custodian of the Motor City Gym for the past two years for sportsman C. W. (Larry) Smith, has left that post and is now working at the Detroit Ordnance Depot. His place has been taken by Johnny Summerlin, who by the way is President of the Big "D" Boxing Booster Club.

Nice to see Herman Bond back in the fight business again. Herman has a couple of likely looking middleweights in Oscar Burton and Levi Pearson.

Ernie "Cowboy" Smith is ready for action against the best of them. He is a crowd pleaser.

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IDAHO BOXING
By Dick Eardley

BOISE LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT ROQUE MARAVILLA bounced along the comeback trail with two victories in May. He stopped Teddy Martin of Sacramento in four rounds and copped a split decision over Cal Brad of Los Angeles. They were his first fights since undergoing surgery on a damaged knee in February.

Still rusty from the long layoff and limping slightly on the knee which is not yet back at full strength, Maravilla floored Martin twice and broke one of his ribs with a vicious body attack before putting him away in 2:10 of the fourth round.

Three weeks later, he flurried often enough to gain the nod over Brad. Both judges called it for Maravilla by 98-97 and 99-98 counts, while referee Jim Nally had it for Brad 98-95. Three times Maravilla had Brad on rocky legs but couldn't find the one punch to stop him.

▶Noel Morfin, popular young featherweight prospect from Boise, returned from a six-month tour of Army duty and used a jolting left hook to garner a draw with heavier Kid Fernando of Lewiston, Idaho in the semi-windup to the Maravilla-Brad fight. Morfin, former Golden Gloves ace, showed the effects of his layoff, too, but had enough speed and sharpness to counter the heavier and more-experienced Fernando.

▶Boxing returned to Twin Falls, Idaho, for the first time in several years when Cliff Thiede staged a card. Hometown favorite Gene Turley, after notching 15 wins in Boise and Salt Lake City, was belted out in his first pro fight before the home folks by Thurman Stevens of Seattle. Stevens used a sharp left hook to stop Turley in 31 seconds of the seventh round in a scheduled 10-rounder.

The card drew a $1,800 gate.

▶Boise: — Roque Maravilla, 179, Boise, stopped Teddy Martin, 171, Sacramento, in the fourth. Glen Burgess, 150, Boise, TKO in ninth over Johnny Milton, 154, Sacramento. Gene Swift, 154, New Meadows (Idaho), and Don Bale, 165, Boise, 4-round draw. Zeke Lusaro, 132, Sacramento, TKO'd Kid Fernando, Lewiston, Idaho in 2.

▶Boise:—Roque Maravilla, 176, Boise, split decision over Cal Brad, Los Angeles, 171. Noel Morfin, 127, Boise, and Kid Fernando, 133, Lewiston, draw in six rounds. Gene Sturgess, 185, Boise, split decision over Ed Larson, 185, Boise in four rounds. Dave Stokes, 140, Boise, stopped Manual Arteto, 142, Spain in the first.

▶Twin Falls:—Thurman Stevens, 158, Seattle, stopped Gene Turley, 158½, Twin Falls, in 31 seconds of seventh. Joe Sedillo, 139, Twin Falls, decisioned Mike Gilmer, 140, Seattle, in 4 rounds. Ernie Gibson, 158, Seattle, TKO'd J. C. Johnson, 160, San Francisco, in the second round.

Boise welterweight Glen Burgess pounded Johnny Milton of Sacramento, for nine rounds and won a TKO when Milton couldn't come out for the 10th in the co-ten round feature on the Maravilla-Martin card in Boise. Burgess floored Milton in the fifth round and had him in bad shape several other times, despite suffering a cut left eye himself.

PITTSBURGH PUNCHES
By Mickey Davies & Lou Caponi

McKeesport—Joe Luvura made his debut as a promoter at the Palisades, with Willie Dockery of Brooklyn, 'tincanning' his way to a win over Bobby Gordon of Charleroi. The fight was rather dull, with Dockery, a real cutie, playing cat and mouse with Gordon. They are middleweights.

Luvura's venture drew a slim gathering of 1,072 for a net payoff of $2,432.

Carmie Price, outstanding Pittsburgh lightie prospect, starched Dick White, 134, Youngstown, in the second chukker of the semi-windup. Tony Christy, 134, Hill, surprised as he scored a TKO over capable Irish Tommy O'Connor, of Garfield, in the last few seconds of the sixth round. O'Connor had Christy down twice in the fifth frame, and seemed headed for a certain victory, but a last round rally by Christy pulled the fight out of the bag.

Johnny Bizzaro, 134, Erie, knocked out Freddy Stover, 138, Hill, (3). Johnny Pratt, 178½, got off the deck to stop Lou Morgan, 218, Detroit (3).

▶Promoter Joe Luvura's second offering at the McKeesport Palisades found Art Swiden, Pittsburgh, decisioning Ollie Wilson, Boston, in 10 heats.

▶**Weirton** (W. Va.)—Promoter Ross Fields, with Jack Laken in the pitcher's spot, presented a professional bill to the fans of this Ohio Valley city, with Carmen Basilio and Fritzie Zivic on hand to add color to the program.

In the main event, Luke Easter, Pittsburgh lightweight who has been boxing on the coast, returned to his home country to chalk up a 4 round kayo over Willie Cooper, of nearby Wheeling.

Weirton's dynamic little banty, Walt Ingram, took just 55 seconds of the first heat to ice Buddy Kerr of Detroit. Ingram, who boasts of wins over such little fellows as Pappy Gault, Willie Parker, and Danny Kidd will make a trek to the West Coast in the near future to mix punches with the top banties campaigning there as well as Mexico.

Carmie Price, Pittsburgh lightie who seems to improve with every fight, added another win to his growing string by stretching Jimmy Sparks, Detroit, in round two.

Dick De Veronica, Syracuse lightweight, was extended all the way by Jackie Matesic, Pittsburgh, in copping a six rounder.

Nick Synan, Pittsburgh, kayoed Al Brown, Weirton, in one. They are lightweights.

▶QUICKIES—Jack Laken is now managing a good pop singer by the name of Jimmy Angel. . . . A salute to the aforementioned Mr. Laken, as well as Joe Luvura, Benny Anolik, Lou Caponi, Joe Perrone, and others who are striving to keep the game alive in the Pittsburgh district. . . . A name we missed—Don Elbaum of Erie, who is always doing his best to keep boxing going in his district. . . . Address mail to this corner, 318½ S. Main Street, Los Angeles or 965 Streets Run Road, Pittsburgh. . . . Sorry to hear about the passing of Johnny Kerr, a ring star of yesteryear. . . . Genial Gene Dargan, one of boxing's nicest guys, is now promoting wrestling in the near vicinity of the Steel City.

LEFT HOOKS FROM SCRANTON AND VICINITY
By Ken (Duke) Stigner

IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS OF BOXING, SOME OF THE outstanding fights were held on holidays. Tearing a leaf out of history's book, the recently formed Scranton Boxing Club of which Jim Coney is president and Gus Shorts, promoter, staged its first show, outdoors on Saturday afternoon, Memorial Day—and learned that, they couldn't draw out the fans, at least on that day. The show went on and it was a fine card, but only 131 persons put in appearance at the Circle Drive-In Theater. It was a fine afternoon for boxing, but the fighters and handlers almost outnumbered the onlookers. The official count was 131, who contributed $185, not enough to pay the boxers.

Jackie Donnely, Buffalo lightweight, under the managerial reign of Joe Netro, co-manager of former middleweight and welterweight champion, Carmen Basilio, scored a three-round knockout over Johnny Taylor, Youngstown, Ohio. Jackie, who had appeared in Scranton shows before, has added poise, polish and know-how to an impressive desire and rapid attack. Donnelly jolted Taylor via a swift series of jabs in the first round, then switched to body blows in the second to pave the way for the knockout just before the bell. There were three knockdowns in all. Taylor took a two-fisted attack for the third down and the referee took a look at the bleary eyes of the boy from Youngstown and decided he had enough. The time was 1:31 of the third heat.

Donnelly, at 138, gave his victim five pounds the best of it.

The other half of the twin-feature was also a blood-and-thunder affair which saw Frankie Madison, 145, New York, spoil the debut of adopted Scrantonian, Dave Cuevas, 144, Madison, a shifty boxer, plus carrying a good punch in either hand, hit the canvas in the third, but was in charge of the situation from then on. Cuevas, outsped and outpunched, never had a chance from the fifth on. Both judges and the referee gave the nod to Madison.

Jerry Tomasetti, 184, a recent graduate from the FOB amateur shows, took his best shots at Tom Harrison, 185, of Long Island for six rounds, but couldn't find a spot to land one of his "Big Berths". The boys tugged and slugged for the distance. Tomasetti suffered a fractured bone in his right hand.

Joe Voshefski, Carbondale, 159, got the benefit of a freak finish, when halfway through the opening round his opponent Eddie Williams, 160, New York, fell through the top and middle ropes of the ring landing on a water bucket and could not return in the prescribed 10 seconds. It went in the books as a one-round knockout for Voshefski.

In the four-round opener Joe Dombroski, 153, Pottsville, won from Bob Wilson, 154, Brooklyn, in a lively bout.

▶Waiting for the bell . . . FOB planning on holding another series of amateur shows . . . Jim Frawley, ex-promoter and matchmaker around again after a stay in the hospital . . . Although the Scranton Boxing Club took a financial loss, Gus Shorts says he will try it again . . . you can get your copy of Ring magazine at Dave's magazine store, Scranton, they sell out early.

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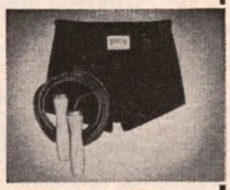

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RATINGS

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Danny Quezada halted Tarzan Alvarado, 6. Frankie Madison decisioned Dave Cuevas, 8. Roy Sparks kayoed Margarito Garcia, 2.

Chico Chavez stopped Willie Jackson, 1. Bobby Sanders won from Milton Jones, 6. Jones was then kayoed by Charles Smith, 4. Robert Cofer and Willie Westbrook drew, 6.

Marlin Moore won from Pete Bolton, 6. Aman Peck kayoed Billy Sewell, 2. Bobby Gibson won from Al Styles, 6. Henry White bested Carlos Coulter, 5.

Larry Jones halted Julio Romero, 3. Fernand Simard defeated Fernand Dupuis, 6. George Maddox defeated Johnny Bradley, 6, and Mike DeFeo, 6. Mike also lost to Roy Lindo, 6.

Bobby Dalton beat Watson Williams, 6. Joe Reeves won from Bernie Raines, 6. Dave Brown halted Fred Roots, 5. Pedro Miranda stopped Julian Yanes, 4. Lyle Mackin kayoed Billy Murray, 1.

Bill Flamio outfought Peter Schmidt, 10. Cuban Champion Luis Manuel Rodriguez trounced ex-world champion Virgil Akins, 10. Brian Sheehan stopped Bruno Ravaglia, 10.

Leo Potesil halted Harko Kokmeyer, 3. Ziyaris Taki drew with Jan DeVos, 8. Florentino Fernandez stopped Stefan Redl, 7. Gaspar Ortega kayoed Ray Terrazas, 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

World Champion Joe Brown retained his title in his seventh defense by stopping Paolo Rosi, 9.

Carlos Ortiz won revived U. S. junior welterweight title, halting Kenny Lane, 2.

Paul Armstead outscored Ray Riojas, 10. Mauro Vazquez defeated Cisco Andrade, 10.

Len Matthews outpointed Roger Harvey, 10. Battling Torres kayoed Russ Tague, 3. Eddie Perkins decisioned Hilario Morales, 10.

Angel Garcia defeated Alfredo Urbina, 10. Al Urbina won Mexican title, outpointing Baby Vasquez, 12. Roberto Garcia kayoed Fidel Lucero, 3.

Chucho Mejia kayoed Antonio Ramirez, 6. Kid Aztquita kayoed Bobby Garza, 10.

Canadian champion Richie Howard retained title stopping Jackie Hayden, 8. Joey Padilla defeated Jimmy Feaster, 10.

Carlos Hernandez stopped Pedro Labarrere, 4. Nursery Kid defeated Tommy Romulo, 10. Cosme Maldonado defeated Francisco Barraez, 10.

Fred Galiana bested Julio Febres, 10 and Juan Campos, 10. Juan drew with Pablo Cardenas, 10. Pat McCoy won over Jose Vasquez, 10. Chico Santos kayoed Jimmy Smith, 3, but lost to Ben Medina, 10.

Alex Arenas won over Chihuahua Kid, 10. Chico Velez decisioned Frankie Ippolito, 10. Al King outscored Pat Mallane, 12.

Kid Centella kayoed Leonard Johnson, 2. Luke Easter stopped Willie Cooper, 4. Francisco Antonio Vazquez beat Agustin Rueda, 10. Davey Dupas won from Larry Armstead, 10.

Jose Paredes halted Lupe Garcia, 6. Jimmy Kelly defeated Lou Carmona, 8, and kayoed Ben Jones, 2. Raul Sanchez stopped Dinamita Alvarez, 4.

Dick DiVola bested Richard Grassley, 8. Joey Reynolds beat Chuck Taylor, 6. Jimmy Ellis edged out Sonny Boy Williams, 8. Aissa Hashas decisioned Victor Pepeder, 8. Ray Portilla whipped Henry Watson, 8.

German Reyes kayoed Abel Escobar, 4. Cesar Barrow defeated Cyclone Kid, 10. Diwaldo Ventosa won from Ray Marquez, 8. Carmie Price stopped Jimmy Sparks, 2, and Gene Harris, 1.

Billy Braggs kayoed Smiley Parker, 4. Dick DeVeronica defeated Jackie Matesic, 6, and stopped Norm Gautreau, 5. Johnny Bizzarro kayoed Jimmy Sparks, 2, and Sammy Lani er, 2, (twice).

Jerry Leroux beat Maurice Houde, 6. Chuck Whittaker beat Emelio Flores, 6. Flores then beat Joey Armstrong, 6. Jackie Donnelly stopped Johnny Taylor, 3, and beat Lou Cappellano, 6.

Jorge Quintero kayoed Tito Marshall, 1. Johnny McKoin beat Ernest Sanchez, 6. Roland Kellem defeated Johnny Bean, 6.

Johnny Melendez and Sid Lugo drew, 6. Israel Napoles stopped Julian Perez, 3. Johnny Bermudaz scored over Tommy Chan, 6. Chan was also stopped by Morris Duran, 4.

Ray Walk stopped James Jackson, 5. Stan Fitzgerald won from Mickey Driscoll, 6.

Charley Douglas and Franco Caruso drew, 8. Lauro Salas-Joey Lopes bout declared no decision, 9. David Oved outpointed Aldo Pravisani, 12, and stopped Russell Sands, 11. Vicente Rivas defeated Flash Elorde, 10. Johnny Butterworth drew with Steve Nitties, 12.

Carlos Hernandez defeated Luke Easter, 8. Jacques Chauveau stopped Giuseppe Marotto, 4. Sid Adams won from Bobby Rogers, 8. Gene Gray outpointed Ed Walker, 10. Angel Garcia stopped Jimmy Mackey, 5.

British Empire Champion Dave Charnley won on disqualification from Billy (Spider) Kelly, 6 (non-title). Steve Ward decisioned George Ross, 12. Doug Vaillant defeated Jimmy Grow, 10. Joey Donovan beat Tommy Garrow, 10. Chico Rollins kayoed Harold Smith, 1.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

South American champion Ricardo Gonsalez, defeated Alfredo Nunetta, 10, and stopped Adrian Servin, 11 rounds, title bout.

Ike Chestnut outscored Jesus Santamaria, 10. Manolo Garcia stopped Roberto Palavecino, 9 and drew with Manuel Alvarez, 10. Ricardo Moreno kayoed Pat McCoy, 5.

Ramon Cervantes defeated Pete Kawala, 10. British Champion Bobby Neill knocked out Terry Spinks, 9. Tony Padron and Orlando Castillo drew, 10.

Dave Hilton won the Canadian title outpointing Gerry Simpson, 12. Roberto Cruz kayoed Gil Flores, 8.

Raul Vargas and Pedro Miranda drew, 10. Raul also drew with Oscar Dias, 10. David Rodriguez defeated Bobby Garza, 10.

Ray Zamora won over Hector Ramirez, 10, and drew with Pascual Jimenez, 10. Juanito Ramirez won on a disqualification over Manuel Jimenez, 7, and stopped Eduardo Meza, 4.

David Floyd halted Luis Magnifico, 7. Johnny Jarrett stopped Billy Leckie, 4. Bruce Shelley decisioned Johnny Gleeson, 10.

Luis Gutierrez stopped Memo Baltazares, 5. Ray Ming Chan drew with Nai Somkiat, 10. Italian Champion Giordano Campari held to draw by Antoine Martin, 10. Antonio Gutierrez defeated Sabino Gonzalez, 10.

Henry Macias stopped Manny Yamashiro, 8. Danny Valdez decisioned Manny Gallardo, 10. Rudy Coronado defeated Chano Barrientos, 10. Ray Duran won from Babe Vazquez, 10.

Hilton Smith halted Jorge Nunez, 7. Perro Hernandez kayoed Nacho Paredes, 5. Baby Zarate kayoed Beto Liceaga, 8. Miguel Orona defeated Venado Moran, 10, and stopped Mike Sanchez, 2.

Leroy Jones kayoed Larry Spencer, 3. Carlos Rios kayoed Chuchu Garcia, 7. Valentin Brown won from Sammy Medina, 8. Fernando Gomes won over Daniel Silva, 8. Genaro Sarafin whipped Arnulfo Palomares, 8.

Javier Rodriguez stopped Chuy Rodriguez, 6. Batequi Olaguea defeated Lucio Flores, 10. Flores then reversed the verdict, 10. Frankie Salas and Willie Woods, drew, 6. Jim Petteway outscored Lou Carmona, 8.

Eloy Henry kayoed Jose Perez, 2. Baby Nogales scored over Gume Rodriguez, 10. Cristobal Gonzalez stopped Jose Rodriguez, 3. Andres Barcia won over Antero Molina, 6. Molina also was kayoed by Frank Valdez, 1.

Jose Napoles stopped Juan Bacallao, 4. Mel Middleton defeated Steve Hayward, 6. Bobby Pereira won over Floyd Gatiuan, 5. Noel Morfin and Kid Fernando drew, 6. Eddie Smith won from Carmelo Acevedo, 6. Jimmy Gorman and Tom Wooten drew, 5.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

European Champion Piero Rollo retained title by holding Spanish Champion Juan Cardenas to draw, 15. Federico Scarponi successfully defended Italian title by stopping Gianni Zuddas, 5. Nacho Escalante outpointed Dommy Ursua, 10.

Eder Jofre kayoed Angel Bustos, 4. Danny Kid kayoed Edgar Basel, 4. Benny Casing won from Freddie Viscarra, 6.

Danny Kid stopped Frankie Duarti, 8.

British Empire Champion Freddie Gilroy defeated Al Asuncion, 10. Eder Jofre outscored Leo Espinosa, 10. Ray Ruiz defeated Chucho Hernandez, 10.

Pierre Cossemyns outpointed Tommy Miller, 8. Nelson Estrada stopped Hector Hicks, 7. Carlos Hernandez beat Ardilla Garcia, 10. Garcia then kayoed Trucutu Velazquez, 9.

Javier Garfias stopped Roque Fernandez, 3. Chiquis Rosales and Felix Gutierrez drew, 10. Rosales also beat Miguel Lazu, 10.

Baby Brown defeated Willie Woods, 10. Zurdo Arc beat Roberto Mar, 10. Walter Ingram kayoed Buddy Kerr, 1. Baby Rios decisioned Ross Padilla, 10, but was stopped by Edgar Basel, 6.

Tony Martinez scored over Cheto Fernandez, 10. Onterio Molina stopped Pajarito Gonzalez, 4.

William Martinez defeated Tony Portillo, 8. Cain Rogero defeated Pajaro Gonzalez, 10. Lauro Garcia kayoed Rafael Sotelo, 2. Max Huerta stopped Monito Luna, 6.

Eloy Sanchez whipped Ray Martinez, 10. Kong Foo defeated Seng Leong, 6. Benny Casing stopped Mike Rios, 2. Pollero Garcia stopped Zurdo Salazar, 4.

Chuy Rodrigez beat Kid Toro, 8. Alex Jimenez stopped Eleazar Gonzalez, 4. Rudy Corna whipped Grillito Aguilar, 10. Aguilar then beat Luis Castillo, 10.

Frankie Silva defeated Lucio Flores, 10. Victor Recio won on a disqualification over Jorge Nunez, 7. Richard Guillen beat Jorge Gomez, 6, and Gerardo Isobe, 6. Rush Benny decisioned Vic Santos, 8. Ricardo Lara whipped Jose Galvan, 6.

Guillermo Tellez and Jorge Alatorre drew, 6. Tellez then kayoed Torito Aguilar, 5. Miguel Rojas won from Kid Chilapa, 6. Julio Moreno kayoed Miguel Paredes, 4.

FLYWEIGHTS

Sadao Yaoita outscored Shigeru Ito, 10. Dommy Ursua defeated Ray Pacheco, 10.

Joe Medel halted Hector Agundez, 5. Horacio Accavallo drew with Giacomo Spano, 10.

Jorge (Baby) Salazar upset Saul Becerril, 10. Hiram Bacallao knocked out Mario De Leon, 8. Carlos Rodriguez kayoed Urbieta Sosa, 4.

British Champion Frankie Jones outpointed George McDade, 8 (non-title). Rene Lebeer outfought Raton Osuna, 10. Larry Pineda and Kyo Noguchi drew, 10.

Pedro Ortiz kayoed Ernesto Reid, 7. Miguel Ulloa stopped Angel Jimenez, 5. Torito Mota defeated Tibico Torres, 10. Torres also lost to Cuervo Salinas, 10. Salinas stopped Panchito Saldivar, 7.

Salvador Melendez defeated Babe Lopez, 8. Clever Perez won from Viva Zapata, 8. Pollito Uribe bested Mauro Miranda, 6. Leonardo Lopez beat Pedro Rodriguez, 6. Ernesto Barrera won from Kid Cordova, 6.

Scottish Champion Alex Ambrose lost on disqualification to Pet Clancy, 4 (non-title). Johnny Caldwell outpointed Giacomo Spano, 10.

BOXING NEWS FROM HAWAII
By Ted Yamachika

AIDED BY TOMBSTONE SMITH'S "INDIFFERENT" performance, Stan Harrington, welterweight champion of the state of Hawaii, punched out a clean cut decision over his California opponent in a ten round fight at the Civic Auditorium. The verdict was a unanimous one. Referee Louis Freitas had Harrington winning 49-45, while judges Peter Thomas and Wilbert Minn had scores of 49-42 and 50-44 respectively.

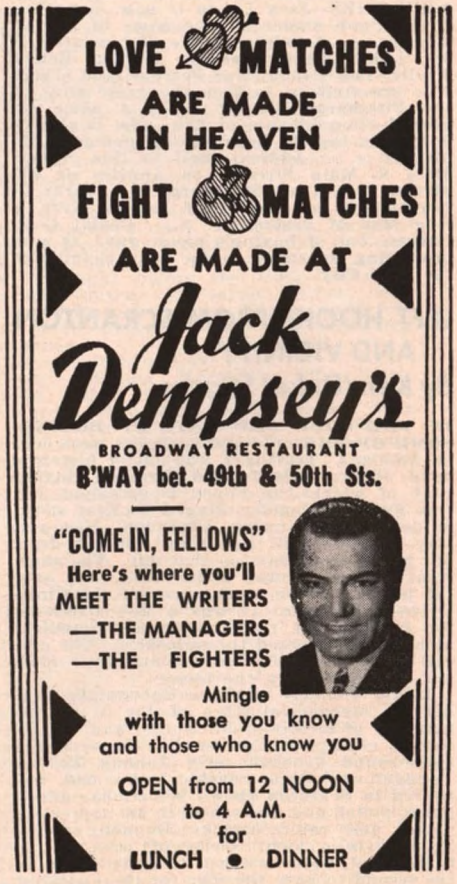
In their first encounter Smith won the unanimous decision with a classy exhibition of boxing skill.

The fight itself was a tame affair with neither fighter getting into any kind of danger at any time. Smith's inability to get going for the first five or six rounds cost him the decision.

Both fighters weighed in at 149¾. Promoted by the Boxing Enterprises, Ltd., the fight drew 3,802 fans and grossed $9,726.50.

Bobby Pereira, 125¼, decisioned Floyd Gatiuan, 124½, 5 rounds. This was Gatiuan's first loss in 18 professional fights. Paasi Paialii, 154¼, beat Willy Sulzman, 151½, 4 rounds.

Ben Rodrigues, 137, defeated Sam Wailani, 141½, 4 rounds. Johnny Hart, 126¾, TKO'ed Joe Batulanon, 124, in the 4th round.



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and enacted a law—with teeth—that will stop a champion from forcing the challenger to sign a contract that will give the champion a return bout in six months or 90 days should the champion lose.

This set-up leaves too much for intrigue and secondly, it hurts the class because it ties up the crown while the more worthier contenders must step aside while the dethroned champion and new title-holder go through their round robin.

What stops a champion from taking on a number three or four contender and being the favorite—3 to 1—in the betting decides to bet a wad on himself to lose.

The champion knowing he is guaranteed a return bout should he lose, proceeds to lose, making it a close affair but not quite good enough to retain his title. He also is aware that a return bout should draw a larger gate and if he so chooses, he can bet his whole purse on himself to regain the crown, having gotten a good line on his opponent in the first encounter.

The new champion cannot defend his title until he gives the former champion a return bout. At least 6 months pass in the mean time. The first title holder regains his crown and he won't defend his crown again for another 6 or 10 months.

The number one contender is shunted aside and perhaps the champion, when he does defend his newly won crown, may choose another No. 3 or 4 rate contender. Where does all this leave the true logical challenger in the meantime?

John Bruen, Sr.
Goshen, N. Y.

ROBINSON-BASILIO FIGHT OFF FOR THIS SUMMER

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behind an invalid contract with a promoter who was too sick to appear at the hearings.

"I am not going to wait forever to get into the ring. Robinson has declared that he will not fight in the State of New York and has even turned down an offer of $500,000 to fight in this State. If he won't put his title on the line in New York State and refuses to sign any fair contract to fight any place else, I am going to accept the offer of the N.B.A. and fight for the N.B.A. Championship outside of the State of New York.

"New York is my home State and it is my first desire to fight in this State but if the Commission forces me to fight some other place, I will do that. Ray Robinson may still have the title in New York State but it is an empty title for anyone who won't fight. I am going to fight for the Championship outside of our State."

For the New York Commission, General Krulewitch gave out a long statement in which he detailed the evidence presented in the various hearings. It was summarized in this conclusion:

The Commission finds that the Petitioner's Exhibit 2A, (the Philadelphia contract), together with the surrounding circumstances, set forth in the record, if dated on or before May 15, would have constituted due compliance with the Order of the Supreme Court, and the Commission's Directive that Robinson enter into Articles of Agreement.

"To vacate the title of a Champion on the technical ground that the contract, Exhibit 2A, was not signed and submitted prior to the 15th day of May 1959 would be inequitable.

"The Commission therefore concludes that Exhibit 2A and the additional facts of record in this proceeding constitute due compliance with the Orders of the Supreme Court and its own directive ordering that Ray Robinson enter into Articles of Agreement for the defense of his championship title with Carmen Basilio.

"The action of this Commission has brought about the signing of Articles of agreement for a Middleweight Championship Bout on the part of Robinson.

"We urge that the parties involved imediately go forward in good faith to finalize their negotiations so that the public and professional boxing throughout the world will applaud the actions of both of these fine boxers."

That is where matters stood as this issue of The Ring Magazine was being circulated around the world. It is apparent that behind the scenes lies the incontrovertible fact that apart from being ring rivals, Basilio and Robinson do not like each other.

A STITCH IN TIME

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So steady a trainer is Stitch that one morning when he failed to do his roadwork after Bruner told him to take the day off, that the policemen on Park beat checked up on him, as they were used to seeing him pounding the pavement each and every day.

Despite his tough grind, Rudell finds time to play with his sons and devote to church work as he is an Elder at the Hope Presbyterian Church.

Now that he has stepped up into the contenders, Rudell would like to give up his job so that he can devote his full energy to boxing, but he has not earned enough money to do that, and it will be necessary for him to stay on the job until he can keep his family going on his ring earnings.

"I know that my boxing suffers by my long working hours, but my family comes first," he has remarked.

A fine young family-man, and a fine young fighter, is Rudell Stitch, who has come along just in time to save boxing in Louisville.

AROUND THE TRI-STATE AREA

By Don Elbaum

▶**WARREN, OHIO—VETERAN WARREN KAYO ARTIST BOBBY HUGHES AND DETROIT's** Oscar Burton clashed in the last indoor card of the season when a crowd of less than 100 paid $200 to see an action-packed card, promoted by this writer.

Hughes won on the card of the Referee Williamson 47-42 and Jude Dyer 47-43 while Judge Imburgia called it a draw 46-46. The fight was hard fought with Hughes' harder punches bringing him the win.

Up and coming Frank Smith, 144, Warren, managed by Jimmy Sanders, won his second pro fight by blasting Al Barnett, 160, Erie, from pillar to post to win by a TKO in the third round. The fight was stopped by the referee during the rest period between the second and third rounds. Barnett was cut over and under both eyes.

Undefeated Charley McCreary, Youngstown, made it 10 straight as he easily handled Levi Pearson, Detroit, and won by a kayo in 5.

Flashy up and coming Johnny Bizzarro landed a tremendous left hook to the body of Sammy Lanier, Youngstown, to win by kayo in the second. Bizzaro comes from Erie and has won his seventh out of eight.

Joey Fiske, Erie, former Navy boxer, looked good in his pro debut winning over Bob Spencer, Warren, also making his pro start. The decision was unanimous. As a Navy fighter, Fiske won 29 of 31, all by kayo.

▶**ERIE—BOXING RETURNED TO ERIE AFTER A SIX MONTH LAYOFF.** Three hundred and fifty fans paid $770 to see another action packed card promoted by Yours Truly and sponsored by the Sons of Italy.

Jim Pettaway, 129½, of Toledo and Erie, showed local fans why he was voted "Prospect of The Month" by Ring Magazine when he scored an easy eight round decision over tough Lou Carmona, 135, of New York. A good sharp left jab was kept in the face of Carmona and Pettaway had himself a good workout.

Sensational Johnny Bizzarro, 132, made it eight out of nine and his seventh kayo, when he smashed Sammy Lanier, 125, to the canvas three times in the second round to win by a kayo.

Bob Walters, Erie, 139, and Pancho Padilla, Buffalo, 132, drew in four. Padilla looked like he was going to have an easy night of it as he sent Walters to the canvas in the second round, after easily winning the first. Bob started coming back in the third and the last round found Padilla out on his feet as Walters did everything but knock him out.

Knockout artist Frank Smith, 144, Warren, made it three straight by the kayo route by stopping Johnny Howard, 141, Cleveland, in the third.

Nickey Synan, 185, Pittsburgh, made it three straight by winning a hard fought decision over Ken Griggs of Warren.

Joey Fiske made it two straight over Bob Spencer in the opener. Both fighters weighed in at 142.

▶Sarnia, Ontario — The Universal Boxing Club, with this writer as matchmaker, put on its second card here and 650 fans paid $1,100 to see a great show.

Bobby Stininato, 172, Youngstown, gave 194-pound Detroiter Dave Shoulders the boxing lesson of his life when he won a thrilling unanimous decision over his much harder punching opponent.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

BY CHARLIE PARISH

THE current season came to a sad close in Paris, where the old Palais des Sports finally closed down after almost half a century as the French citadel de la swat. It will be used as a warehouse henceforth. As a result, many boxers are considering migration to neighboring countries but it seems unlikely that the Ville Lumiere will be without a large venue for long.

Beyond the shores of Europe things went quite well for Continentals, Baccheschi lost two very disputed decisions to Mike Holt and Gawie De Klerk in Jo'burg. True to its nickname, "The City of the Second Chance" has invited the Italian to meet his victors in return bouts. Pravisani lost a disputed affair to David Oved in Australia and Bruno Ravaglia whipped Mick Leahy of Eire.

Michel Diouf paid two visits to Britain but was beaten by Chi Calderwood and Phil Edwards while Cossemyns retained his standing by defeating George Bowes and Tommy Miller. The big upset of the month was Lamperti's kayo at the hands of Joe King while Cherif Hamia made a welcome return to the ring, disposing of Meunier in double quick time. Now for the results.

▶ **Berlin**, Germany—After an absence of six months, Gustav Scholz, 163, once more stepped through the ropes, watched by an expectant crowd of some 7,000 at the Deutschland Halle. The spectators wanted fireworks but the Berliner's adversary, Artenio Calzavara, 174, was hardly the man to wilt under the first barrage of blows. The Italian, a durable gladiator who has never been knocked out in 52 ring battles, weighed in at 174 against the 163 of Scholz. Scholz didn't really open up until the tenth when he dropped the Latin with a sharp left to the jaw. Calzavara sprang to his feet at once and took further punishment as the final gong sounded.

Heavyweights were much in evidence. Hans Friedrich, 198, returned to action by taking every round in his sixer with Tony Emanuel of America while another Transatlantic visitor, Frankie Haynes, 188, defeated Walter Haufft, 206, in a very flurried six-rounder. Ulrich Nitzschke, 197, tabbed in many quarters as a future German champion, stopped Antonio Crosia, 214, of Italy. A notoriously light hitter, Crosia was taken out of action during the fifth with a cut eye.

In a couple of middles slams, Horst Borzoskowski was badly upset by unknown Paolo Cottino of Italy, who forced the Danziger to retire in the fourth round and Max Heinze was held to a draw by novice Wolfgang Halbritter in four rounds. Best performance of the night was given by speedy Harry Kurschat, who pummelled away at Roger Prigent of France to such good effect that the latter retired at the end of round four.

▶ **Bologna**, Italy—Vittorio Stagni, promising local heavy, eleiminaed another promising fighter, Sergio Biggioggero, in a rugged ten while Ray Nobile stepped out a good points win over Tony Borraccia in a feathers eight. Renato Bianchini laced Remo Carati in a middles eight.

At **Pesaro**—Geppino Gentilletti upset the plans of Francisco Oretga, young Spanish middle, by blasting the visitor out in four rounds. Isidoro Princic trimmed Mario Iacomini in a welter six.

▶ **Vannes**, France—That kayo by Seraphin Ferrer has apparently badly shaken Gaston Mathieu, who lost out here to a fellow-Breton, Henri Cabelduc, in a welter ten.

▶ In **Paris**, a wandering Yugoslav named Nick Maric made a promising debut at the Central, stopping Giuseppe Catalano of Italy in the fourth round of a welter clash. Michel Atlan trimmed Armand Renard in a lightie six.

▶ **Paris**—Packed house at the Salle Wagram again for a view of the flashing fists of Aissa Hashas, dynamic lightweight who is currently causing as much havoc as the searing sirocco of his native Sahara. His opponent, Francisco Perez Artero of Spain, lasted only a little more than one round. Jo N'Gan drew with Daniel Brunet in a middles ten and Jean Houbloup licked Roger Guilhot in a feathers eight.

▶ In **Calais**—Elysee Castre trounced Michel Lamora in a bantam ten and Michele Barone drew with Jacob in a flyweight eight.

▶ **Cagliari**, Italy—Even the Italian press had misgivings when Gianni Zuddas, the superannuated Sardinian, was declared winner over Juan Cardenas of Spain. Nevertheless, it was Zuddas who made the fight and Cardenas, despite his undoubted skill, hardly looked like a challenger for European honors.

Horacio Accavallo defeated another Spaniard, Raton Osuna, who fought gallantly for ten rounds to lose on points. This was only his second fight abroad.

Bruno Visintin outscored rugged Paolo Melis in a welter ten and Fortunato Manca moved into the middleweight class to slug it out with tough Fernando Spallotta. Manca won but took a deal of unnecessary punishment. Sesto Tiselli, another invader from Argentina, outfought Salvatore Boi in a middles eight.

▶ **Madrid**, Spain—Diego Infantes regained his winning stride here by putting the skids under Eugenio Cifuentes in the fifth round of their welter clash while Manuel Sosa scored his second win in Spain by trouncing tough Carmelo Beraza in a one-sided welter eight. Luis Gomez, flyweight comer, outfought Juanito Cid over six.

▶ At **Las Palmas**—Bobby Ros ran into a snag on his barnstorming tour. Lelo Suarez, a very recent arrival, outscored the lightweight champ over eight rounds.

▶ At **San Sebastian**—"Moustique" Meslem of Algeria outboxed the one time Terror of Guipuzcoa, Jacinto Santin, a feathers ten.

▶ **Brussels**, Belgium—Abel Soudan, the eccentric national middles champ, failed to appear in defense of his title against Emile Delmine at the Sports Palace so Jef Janssens, a welter who delights in tackling middleweights, was brought in. In his lightweight days Jef once went the distance with Percy Bassett but that was long since. Delmine knocked out the Brussels toughie in round nine and the title was declared vacant.

Jean Renard repeated a previous win over Bob Roger, stopping his man in the seventh session of their feathers bout while Jean Malcorps returned to action, halting modest Jempy Bentz, Luxembourg cruiser, in seven.

▶ **Casablanca**, Morocco—Fourteen months out of the ring do not appear to have impaired the efficiency of Cherif Hamia, who made a welcome return to action here against Robert Meunier. Hamia took his time in the opening round but let loose an attack which had Meunier soundly whipped by the end of the third. His manager wisely announced his protege's defeat at the call for the fourth.

Rene Barriere upset Giuseppe Bruno Baiata, local Italian deaf-mute of some promise, in a fast feathers ten and Rene Azagury, Moroccan feather, trimmed mediocre Jacques Delplace in a feathers eight.

▶ **Tours**, France—Jean Guerard, French flyweight king, drew a large crowd for his ten-rounder with Henri Schmid, who lost out on points while Jacky Chauveau trimmed Fernand Morin in a lightie ten.

At **St. Jean de Luz**—Victor Pepeder was held to a draw by Guizani Rezgui in a lightie ten.

At **Bourges**—Jean Debondant, welter prospect, was upset by an unknown Spaniard called Castrillo in a hard ten while Ahmed Sebane trounced Jo Lemoine in another welter ten.

▶ **Paris**—Sensation in a minor key at the Salle Wagram when Jacques Belon, a fighter of some fame in the provinces, upset Marius Dori, official challenger for middleweight honors, over ten rounds. Jean Pommier whipped Lucien Deledique in a welter eight and Pierre Trigaro trimmed Maurice Grignon in a bantam six.

▶At the Central, Nick Maric of Yugoslavia scored another win by stopping blond Roger Atlan in the third stanza of their middles affair and Gonzales upset Daniel Charpentier by halting him in the third of a cruiser slam.

▶ **Venice**, Italy—Bruno Ilagi nodded Vinicio Ballarin in a middles eight and Ivano Tombolini outscored Bruno Polet in a feathers eight.

▶ **Madrid**, Spain—In the only pro bout on an amateur card, Diego Infantes surprised by defeating Manolo Correa, former middles champion, over eight rounds. Correa has gone back considerably in the past few months.

▶ At **Elche**—Jose Hernandez made a welcome return to the ring after a long layoff, drawing with Manolo Martinez in a lightie eight.

▶ At **San Sebastian**—"Moustique" Meslem decisioned Chato Ramos in a lightweight ten.

▶ **Geneva**, Switzerland—Sauveur Chiocca was rather lucky to get the nod over Luigi Furio, an Italian welter whose style is as stormy as his name suggests.

▶ **Stuttgart**, Germany—The Killesberg arena was attended by 8,000 for the Ballarin-Rolf Peters duel, a great success for promoter Knorzer. Ballarin came in at 162, Peters a few ounces heavier. The Frenchman fought his usual unruly battle and Peters, generally a calm stylist, took advantage of every opening. Ballerin was dropped in the tenth. Peters took six rounds, four were drawn.

Max Resch struck down Henry Van Berkum with a rather low punch in round two and the Dutchman was counted out while Karl Mildenberger, 176, received great acclaim for knocking out Jacques Bro of France in the fifth round. In fact, this was Bro's sixth consecutive defeat.

CONTINENTAL RATINGS

(FOR MONTH ENDING JUNE 22, 1959)

	HEAVIES	LIGHTHEAVIES	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1.	Inge Johansson (SW)	Erich Schoeppner (G)	Gustav Scholz (G)	Duilio Loi (I)
2.	Mino Bozzano (I)	Sante Amonti (I)	Italo Scortichini (I)	Bruno Visintin (I)
3.	Massimo Zanaboni (I)	Rocco Mazzola (I)	Peter Muller (G)	Fred Galiana (S)
4.	Hans Kalbfell (G)	Giulio Rinaldi (I)	Franz Szuzina (G)	Emilio Marconi (I)
5.	Uli Ritter (G)	Pekka Kokkonen (FN)	Hans Wohlers (G)	Seraphine Ferra (F)
6.	Ilkka Koski (FN)	Germinal Ballarin (F)	Laszlo Papp (HY)	Chris Christensen (D)
7.	Albert Westphal (G)	Dom Baccheschi (I)	Andre Drille (F)	Maurice Auzel (F)
8.	Toerner Ahsman (SW)	Charles Colin (F)	Rolf Peters (G)	Jacq. Herbillon (F)
9.	Bruno Scarabellin (I)	Yao Kouame (F)	Leen Jansen (H)	Fortunato Manca (I)
10.	Jose Gonzalez (S)	Dieter Wemhoener (G)	Gian Garbelli (I)	Piet van Klaveren (H)

	LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1.	Lahouri Godih (F)	Sergio Caprari (I)	Alphonse Halimi (F)	Young Martin (S)
2.	Mario Vecchiatto (I)	Gracieux Lamperti (F)	Piero Rollo (I)	Mimun Ben Ali (S)
3.	Guy Gracia (F)	Cherif Hamia (F)	Mario D'Agata (I)	Jean Guerard (F)
4.	Aissa Hashas (F)	Manolo Garcia (S)	Juan Cardenas (S)	Risto Luukkonen (FN)
5.	Guizani Rezgui (F)	Aldo Pravisani (I)	Pierre Cossemyns (B)	Jose Ogazon (S)
6.	Bobby Ros (S)	Giordano Campari (I)	Pentti Hamalainen (FN)	Andre Gasperini (F)
7.	Victor Pepeder (F)	Antoine Martin (F)	Federico Scarponi (I)	Edgar Basel (G)
8.	Manuel Sosa (F)	Jose Martinez (S)	Mohamed Zarzi (F)	Salvatore Burruni (I)
9.	Fernand Nollet (F)	Andre Vairolatto (F)	Eugene Le Gozanet (F)	Rene Libeer (F)
10.	Franco Nenci (I)	Ray Nobile (I)	Bobby Diop (F)	Pierre Rossi (F)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden.

Erwin Hack, 182, took on Manfred Schneider although he had fought in Rome just six days previously (reported below). The fight was hectic and there was a clash of heads in the fifth. Schneider was bruised, Hack received a gashed eye. The referee ordered the men to fight on then had second thoughts and disqualified Schneider, which brought storms of protest from the crowd.

▶ **Rome**—At the Palazetto, Sante Amonti was served with a ready-made victim in the person of Juan Amaya, a Spanish cruiser whose chief claim to fame is that Gitana Amaya, the dancer, is his sister. A couple of smashing hooks were sufficient to rock Juan to sleep before the first round had finished.

Ottavio Panunzi didn't have it so easy against Erwin Hack but he floored the German in rounds three and seven and won clearly on points while a third Italian cruiser, Plinio Scarabellin, was given an even more experienced foe. His opponent was blond Horst Niche, veteran of 40 fights. Niche downed his opponent for "7" in the third and the gong saved Scarabellin from a possible knockout. Winner was Scarabellin.

Charley Douglas handed Renato Giaeche an enormous black eye and stopped him in the seventh of a lightie larrup while Fernando Proietti split a welter six with Gheri Fretzghi of Abyssinia.

▶ **Abidan,** West Africa—Highly-touted Andre Vairolatto, prospective challenger for Lamperti, hit trouble when he tangled with Jules Touan, the utterly unpredictable local feather. The form-book goes for just nothing when Touan is in the mood and on this occasion he sparred for two rounds before cutting loose. In the third he drove Vairolatto around the ring with a fusillade of blows and in the fourth he hooked the Lyons slamster with a left and a right and Vairolatto dropped for a count of "four". He arose but was out on his feet and the ref stopped hostilities. Yao Kouame halted Joe Pobee of Ghana in the fifth of a lightheavy affair.

▶ **Aviles,** Spain—Mariano Echevarria succeeded to the vacant lightheavy title by trouncing Luis Vicente Serra on points here.

Jose Luis Martinez trimmed Jose Crespo in a good feathers six, Antonio Diaz won a disputed sixer from Santos Seoane in a bantam flurry and Abel Martinez shared honors with Lafuente Paya in a lightweight six.

▶ **Madrid,** Spain—Manuel Sosa of France won his second contest in the Peninsula by halting Frank Garcia, whose handlers slung in the towel at the call for the fifth. Garcia had fractured his left hand.

Rafael Gayo and Jose Cadalso engaged in a lively return slam, a feathers eight won this time by Gayo while Jose Merayo bested Francisco Hervas in a lightie eight.

▶ **Marseilles,** France—Gracieux Lamperti, considered one of the brightest featherweight luminaries of post-war France, fell from a dizzy height when he walked into the fists of Joe King, globe-trotting fighter from Nigeria. A left hook dropped the blond Corsican in round three and in the next stanza he took such a pasting that his corner called for a stop.

Claude Negrel won from Mahmoud le Noir in a middles ten and Rene Cerdan halted Vito Di Benedetto in the sixth of a cruiser clash Louis Trochon checked Mohamed Taibi in the seventh of another middles affair.

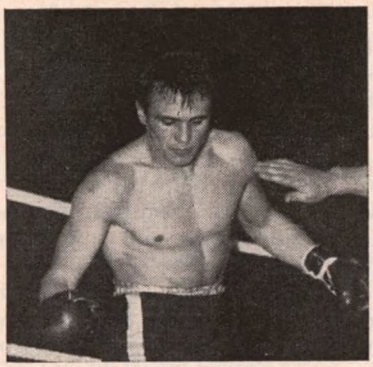
▶ **St. Dizier,** France—Jacques Herbillon is certainly cashing in on his title during the twilight of his career. He defended his welter laurels once more, this time clearly beating Michel Francois over fifteen rounds.

▶ At **Pau**—Jacques Nervi defeated the Spanish champ, Ben Buker, in a welter ten and at **Soissons,** Paul Roux become cruiser champion of Champagne by licking Francois Kania in ten rounds.

▶ **Rotterdam,** Holland—Leen Jansen made a quickie job of Willy Schagen when they met in a return go for the national cruiser title. Last time Leen took 11 rounds, this time he stopped the veteran in nine. Nelis van Oostrum iced Theun Brommer in the second of a welter slam.

▶ **Paris**—It was a sad day for fight fans in the City of Light when the Palais des Sports, otherwise known as the Vel d'Hiv, closed its doors for the last time. The old Grenelle stadium, right under the shadow of the Eifel Tower, has been the main Parisian venue for boxing since February 11th, 1913, when Adrien Hogan defeated Willie Lewis of America over twenty rounds. Since then a host of boxing personalities have passed through its portals—Carpentier, Jack Johnson, Criqui, Thil, Carnera, Kid Chocolate, Al Brown, right down to Sugar Ray, Cerdan, Dauthuille and Humez.

For the final program, Promoter Benaim featured world champion Alphonse Halimi,



Gustav Scholz of Germany, European middleweight champion, after an absence of six months returned to action and won a ten rounds decision from Artenio Calzavara of Italy at Berlin. The Italian was dropped in the last round.

who was in brittiant form against Al Asuncion and battered the Filipino into retiring in the fifth round. Other stars on the bill were unbeaten Aissa Hashas, who was taken the full distance to outscore Victor Pepeder in a lightie ten and Antoine Martin, who was held to a draw by Italian feather Giordano Campari over ten.

Little Rene Libeer trimmed Raton Osuna of Madrid in a flyweight ten. The closure of this hall presents French boxing with quite a problem and it is already reported that Jean Bretonnel will move his large stable of boxers to Brussels. France's loss may be Belguim's gain.

▶ **Barcelona,** Spain—Kamara Diop, recent conqueror of Cardenas, chalked up another victory in the Land of the Dons by clearly outscoring Francisco Carreno in a bantam eight. Jean Biosca nodded Paulino and Jim Mora whipped Al Rodri in a couple of feathers eights.

▶ In **Madrid**—Diego Infantes outpunched Roland Goujon of France in a welter eight. Diego has recently been nominated as challenger for European honors but that is much too early. Jose Ungidos defeated Carmelo Beraza in another welter eight.

▶ **Leghorn,** Italy—Franco Nenci upset Charley Douglas of America by whipping the lightweight in a fast ten here while Mario Sitri decisioned Roger Cappato of France in a bantam ten.

▶ In **Rome,** Claudio Buniva edged Dal Piaz in a middles eight.

▶ **St. Malo,** France—Any hopes Jacques Dugenia may still have harbored for a crack at the national middles title were dashed when Louis Trochon stopped him in six rounds.

▶ In **Algiers**—Jackie Chauveau, blond lightweight slamster, checked Giuseppe Marotto of Italy in four rounds.

▶ **Essen,** Germany—Peter Mueller drew 5,000 fans to the Dubois Arena where he hammered Tommy Baars, Dutch welter champ, to defeat in six rounds. The Dutch colonial came in five pounds lighter than Black Peter and made even going until the swarthy Rhinelander turned on the heat, thus repeating a previous victory.

Gerard van Eyk, 168, wrestled and clinched until Hans Ducree nailed him with a couple of rights in the fifth and Van elected to remain on the canvas until the count had finished while Tiger Sno, 148, made an excellent fight of it against Herbert Sowa until round five. Then the Tiger decided to make it a slugfest and was counted out in the next heat.

Conny Rudhoff, 134, won from Karlheinz Rauen in six close rounds and Fritz Rings defeated Hans Gronen in a feathers four. Egon Rass, 172, drew with Paul Potisek in another four.

▶ **Brussels,** Belgium—Andre Drille warmed up for his forthcoming clash with Rolf Peters of Germany by tackling Richard Bouchez, once considered a good prospect. On this occasion he did well to last the limit and hurt Drille several times but never endangered the Basque's clear points victory.

▶ **Wiener Neustadt,** Austria—Dutch fighters were brought in to test local talent in the first professional show to be held here for years. In the main spot, Leo Potesil, 149, failed to impress against Herb Kokmeyer though the bout was stopped in his favor at the end of the third round due chiefly to Kokmeyer' injuring a leg muscle.

Ziyaris Taki, 140, struck trouble in the person of Jan De Vos, 146, but managed to scrape out a draw after eight rounds. Gerhard Topf stopped veteran Henny Klok in the sixth of a feathers fray. Attendance was 1,500.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS
By Les. Muller

▶ **EUROPEAN ROUND-UP — DURBAN — ERNIE BARONET (125) REGAINED THE SOUTH AFRICAN** featherweight title with a magnificent points win over Charlie Els in their 12 round fight at the Durban, Icedrome. Vic Morrick (184¼) beat Robert Peters (188), K.O. 1. Peter Lock (134½) beat Gerry Vorster (134) on a cut-eye decision in the fifth. Henry Speedie (160½) beat Kalie Burger (158½) T.K.O. 1. Benny Niewenhuizen (143½) beat Carl Stols (145) K.O. fourth.

▶ **Johannesburg**—Mike Holt, South African lightheavyweight champion, easily outpointed Donnie Fleeman at the Rand Stadium over ten interesting rounds. Holt was dropped in round four for a count of eight, but this did not stop him from winning about eight of the ten rounds. He also suffered a cut eye in round two. A crowd of about 25,000 saw this thrilling fight.

Gawie De Klerk beat Italian Domenico Baccheschi on points over ten interesting rounds.

Buddy Walker (207) beat Sias Hattingh (180) on points over four rounds. Peter Lock (136¼) beat Jos Blignaut (136¼) on points also over four.

Jannie Botes (143½) beat Mickey Pretorius (141½) T.K.O. 2. Billy Lotter (168) beat Piet Gouws (169) on points in a four-rounder.

▶ **Johannesburg**—In another talent tournament staged at the Johannesburg Drill Hall Les Smith (118) beat Boet Stander (113½) on a four round T.K.O.

Steve Swan (151) beat Joe Comacho (151) on points over four entertaining rounds.

Toby Reynolds (171) won on a first round T.K.O. against Paul Lieberberg.

Cecil Hughes beat Erroll Smith on a second round T.K.O. in a lightweight fight.

Johnny Watson (153) beat Peter de Bruyn (153½) T.K.O. 1. Dana Bench (137) lost to Wessel Vorster (143) on a third round disqualification. Sias Hatting beat George Fick on points over 4 rounds—heavyweights.

▶ **Johannesburg**—Edwald Stanke, German immigrant and former South African amateur heavyweight champion, made an unhappy pro debut when he was beaten in one round by Buddy Walker. The referee stopped the bout after the third knockdown.

Sam Stewart (132½) beat Cicil Hughes (132¾) on points over four rounds. Mac Murphy (137) beat Dolf Hoffman (130¾) on points over four. Lawson Viljoen (153) beat Joe Comacho (155½) on fourth round T.K.O.

Steve Swan (150) beat Wessel Vorster (144) points four. Sias Hattingh (174¼) beat Johnny Taylor (212½) T.K.O. 3. Ken Watson (137) beat Jos Blignaut (135) T.K.O. 2. Sampie Pretorius (146) beat Abie Vorster (144¾) on points in a four-rounder.

▶ **Durban**—Henry Speedie (158¼), the Johannesburg southpaw, became the South African middleweight champion, when he beat the champion Dickie Williams (153¾) on points over 12 gory rounds. Williams' face was badly swollen from Speedie's punishing lefts and his nose bled profusely.

Bernie Taylor (117½) won the vacant bantamweight title by outpointing flyweight champion Dennis Adams on points over 12 pounds. In the 11th round Taylor had Adams groggy from a series of right and left crosses, but failed to follow his advantage up.

Ernie Baronet, national featherweight champion, beat Teuns Van Rooyen on points over six rounds. Benny Niewenhuizen beat Steve Swan on points over six rounds in a welterweight fight.

Leon Nel (156¾) beat Kalie Burger (159¼) on a third round T.K.O.

▶ **NON-EUROPEAN ROUND-UP — Vereeniging** Jerry Koadibane (172) won the South African Non-European light-heavyweight title by knocking out Charlis Ndabane in the fourth round. Ndabane was dropped in the third round.

Leslie Tangee beat Anthony Bantom on points over eight great rounds. Bantom was a gory mess, having a cut eye, and also his nose was bleeding profusely. This was a bantamweight fight.

Opa Ntsang (121) beat John Letsela on points over four rounds. Joe Kabi (142) beat Daniel Thedingoano (144) on points also over four.

Frisco Kid Sekati (177¾) beat Reggie Mkwanazi (117) on points in a four-rounder.

Professor Black (110) beat Ernest Mbele (111) on a sixth round T.K.O.

MIDDLE MUDDLES

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After two years of retirement, Robinson returned to ring action in January, 1955, and in December of that year he regained the championship by flattening Olson in two rounds in Chicago.

Sugar Ray's activities since then are of too recent vintage to warrant recounting here.

In the better interests of boxing, it is to be hoped the current squabble over Robinson's status is quickly settled. We've had too many middleweight muddles in the past.

NAT FLEISCHER SAYS:

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That is a job for both local and the federal governments. Now that they have Carbo in their hands and several of the mobsters who have long been identified with the heroin trade and have had a hand in managing fighters, among them Gabriel Genovese, cousin of Mafia chieftain Vito Genovese who is serving a 15 years sentence on a narcotics charge, it will be a sad day for boxing if Carbo again beats the rap as he has done in several murder cases.

California has a fearless boxing commission and a chief investigator who has displayed no respect for gangland representatives. Licenses have been revoked and several unsavory characters have found that in California they are dealing with tough law enforcement agents. Let's hope that the intruders who black-jacked Jackie Leonard and threatened Don Nesseth, a quiet, soft-spoken, honest young businessman new to boxing will be apprehended and dealt with accordingly.

LET'S KILL BOXING—AGAIN!

Every time a boxer dies following a ring battle, whether such fatality was due to injuries received in the ring or as a result of an undiscovered ailment existing prior to the bout, the reformers get going full blast against the sport. Brain injuries suffered by soccer players, hockey players and wrestlers receive no attention from those who cry "let's kill the sport". Only boxing comes in for the general tirade.

The latest fatality, that of an amateur boxer Leslie High in Windsor, England, on May 9, has brought a broadside from the British medical journal, The Lancet, urging physicians to campaign for the abolition of pugilism, both amateur and professional. The article states "the medical evidence against the sport is now so strong that it is their clear duty to do so." This has been attacked in another article by two doctors, pro-boxing enthusiasts in England who in the same publication the following week, refuted the statement of their colleague.

This is the latest of a series of attacks launched on medical grounds in Great Britain. The British Board of Boxing Control, answering the attack, has submitted evidence that shows clearly that no competitive sport receives so much attention from the medical profession to prevent injuries and deaths, to protect the competitors, as does boxing. Despite the tremendous number of contestants in this world-wide sport, the percentages of fatalities and permanent injuries is far less than in most other contact sports.

Recently, in company with Jack Solomons, Henry Cooper and his brother, Terry Spinks and several other boxers, I accepted an invitation to visit London's largest prison to attend boxing exhibitions and engage in a question and answer period. After the "fights" were completed and fully enjoyed by the inmates, for almost three-quarters of an hour, long termers and recent arrivals, popped question after question at me on world boxing. When the session was over, I asked the Governor of the prison what he thought of our show.

"I wish some of those who keep campaigning for boxing's abolition were present here to-night. For the next fortnight I won't have to be worried about who is going to try to make a getaway. These inmates will talk about the show and argue about boxing, instead. Their minds will be well occupied during the next two weeks. What we need is more of this type entertainment and I daresay we then would have less discontent among the inmates."

That from a director of a prison housing close to 2,000 young men and old men, some serving life sentences, others in for only short periods. I wondered when I left that prison what Dr. Summerskill, a Labor Member of the House of Parliament and a former Minister of National Insurance who has been campaigning for boxing's abolition, would have had to say after watching the deep interest of those inmates as I answered their queries.

No doubt boxing is a dangerous sport. But so are other contact sports. Injuries and deaths have been recorded, yet a close analysis proves that the good obtained far excels the bad points. It is the largest attended of any form of athletics engaged in and encouraged by those in charge of Police Athletic Leagues. Why? Because it has been proved a splendid medium for controlling juvenile delinquency. And in the armed forces, it is the sport of all sports, practiced extensively under orders from commanding officers and viewed by thousands of servicemen in every part of the world.

"Let's kill boxing."

That's only the cry of reformers. If boxing were abolished, thousands of young men who through the profession have been enabled to obtain an education, today would be on relief. Records are available.

CUTS SAVE BROWN'S TITLE

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The champion's attack in that eighth, gave him complete command. He gained it by a wide margin and definitely clinched the bout in that frame.

Brown's long right and lefts in that round also played havoc with Rosi. Few missed the mark once the champion cut loose to finish the bout, the first world championship contest held in Washington since the Louis-Buddy Baer affair in which Buddy was disqualified in the seventh round in 1941. The 3,968 paying spectators and an additional 1,000 free loaders, didn't see Brown at his best, nor were they treated to a thrilling encounter such as had been seen on many occasions in previous lightweight title bouts.

There were no knockdowns. Brown came close to scoring in the second round in which he landed a perfect shot to Rosi's temple that made the challenger dizzy. From the very start, the challenger kept lunging forward with his left but because of his leaping tactics, they lacked force and did little damage.

Only in the fifth and sixth rounds did Rosi succeed in crashing home body blows that forced the champion to hold frequently. Had Rosi gone in for close range battling as he did in those frames, he would have been far more successful.

At 132 pounds, the lowest he had weighed in any title bout. Brown appeared weak. The perspiration ran down his face even before the fight got under way and he remarked in his dressing room that he must have lost at least two pounds during the fight.

Asked if he would like to box for the welter crown, he replied: *"It might be better if I fought Davey Moore for the feather title since I'm close to that weight now."*

The fight drew a gross gate of $28,769.90 and a net of $23,997.86 to which was added $40,000 from the television sponsors. The only down was through a slip by Brown in the eighth round prior to the attack he launched that brought him his victory. The score cards of the officials follow:

Referee Reynolds:
Brown—10 9 10 8 8 8 8 10—71
Rosi—9 10 8 10 10 10 10 9—76
Judge Volkman:
Brown—10 10 10 9 10 9 9 10—77
Rosi—9 10 9 10 10 10 10 7—75
Judge Lee:
Brown—9 10 10 10 9 9 8 10—75
Rosi—10 10 8 9 10 10 10 8—75

IN OLD NEW ENGLAND
By Don Hamill

NEW BEDFORD—WOODROW WILSON HALL—JIMMY KELLY, 137, LOWELL, flattened Ben Jones, 145, New York, with a right cross that dropped him flat on his face where the ten count was tolled over him. The end came in the second round.

George Maddox, 150, Hyannis, punched out a unanimous decision over Johnny Bradley, 146, New York, in the six round semi-final. Cardell Farmos, 181, Boston, evened the score with Young Beau Jack, 170, Roxbury, by gaining a six round duke over him. Johnny Otto, 164, Hyannis, continued to show promise by disposing of Goldie Gomez, 156, Dorchester, in the final round of a four spot. Ray Phillips, 183, Allston, on the comeback trail quickly disposed of Isadore Birch, 177, New York, in the first round.

▶BOSTON Arena—Chico Vejar, 163¼, Stamford, still remains the only man to defeat Joe DeNucci, 163¾, 19-year-old Newton lad, by repeating the feat in their special nine round bout. DeNucci made a better showing and held Vejar to a decision. The Nutmegger, who stopped DeNucci the first time, had too much ring generalship and gained a unanimous decision.

The ten round semi-final for the New England light heavyweight title, saw Billy Ryan, 171, Lowell, the defending champion, and challenger Bob Young, 173, Providence, fighting to a draw. The title, of course, did not change hands. Stefan Redl, 148, Passaic, soundly whipped Roger Harvey, 145¾, New York, in another ten spot. Tom McNeeley, 198½, Arlington, one of the brightest of the heavyweight prospects, halted Charlie Lopes, 230, Boston, in the first round. Manny Burgo, 140, New Bedford, continued his winning ways with a decision in four rounds over Richie Graham, 138, Boston.

▶PROVIDENCE Arcadia—Willie Greene, 157, Providence, showed that he was completely recovered from severe injuries received in an auto mishap three months ago, by belting out Charley Davis, 164, New York, in the third round. Greene employed a solid body attack with occasional right uppercuts to cut Davis twice in the second round, and twice more in the third before a left hook to the jaw spilled him for the count.

Mike DeFeo, 148, Boston, gained a unanimous decision in the six round semi-final from Fred McCray, 145, also Boston, in a pleasing bout. Richie Grissley, 132½, Providence, stowed Roy Fowler, 128½, Boston, away in two heats. Hank Giorgio, 151, Providence, enjoyed an easy first round kayo over Roy Bennett, 146, Boston. Chuck Tanner, 125, Providence, outgunned Lou Gurini, 126½, Providence, in four rounds. Satch Jamiel, 171, Warren, halted Paul Clemens, 174, Boston, in the third round.

▶CARIBOU—Gen Carter State Armory—Yvon Durelle, 178, Baie St. Anne, N. B., patiently waited for last minute substitute Teddy Burns, 190, Boston, to expend himself. For two rounds Burns tossed hooks and jabs while Durelle dug in a few, but telling, body blows. In the third round Durelle went to work in earnest. He dropped Burns three times, whereupon Referee Otis LaBree promptly and wisely called a halt.

Nick Kovac, 158, Moncton, N. B., punched out an easy eight round decision over Billy Mays, 160, Boston. In four rounders: Joey Durelle, 150, Baie St. Anne, won over Alden Folsom, 151, Monticello; and Norman Albert, 162, Madawaska, whipped Danny Farnsworth, 162, Bangor.

▶PROVIDENCE—Arcadia—Joe Gomes, 166, Providence, handed Don Prout, 170½, also of Providence, his first professional defeat by taking a split eight round decision. Prout had rung up a string of twelve straight. It was a scrambling bout with neither showing the form of previous bouts. Gomes was the aggressor throughout while Prout fought in infrequent spurts.

Richie Grissley, 131¾, Providence, also tasted defeat for the first time. He dropped Dick DiVola, 130½, Boston, in the first round but took an artistic lacing from there on from his more experienced foe in the eight round co-feature. Jimmy Kelly, 130, Lowell, gained an eight round decision over wily Lou Carmona, 134½, Puerto Rico, who proved to be an elusive target for Kelly's vaunted powerpacked punches. George Maddox, 152½, Hyannis, repeated in six over Mike DeFeo, 152½, Boston, Jimmy Otto, 160½, Hyannis, stiffened Charley Hampton, 156, Boston, in the initial heat.

▶PROVIDENCE — Arcadia — Willie Greene, 157, Providence, overwhelmed Charley Alford, 160, Philadelphia, whom he dropped four times in stopping him in the first round. Greene stormed his man from the start and was sharper than in any previous bout, scoring with almost every punch.

Tony Bell, 157, Boston, had to come off the floor in the second round to eke out a close six round decision over Harvey Lammers, 155, New Bedford. Tom McNeeley, 199¾, Boston, made it thirteen straight by stiffening Jeff Holmes, 217¼, New York, in the second round. Hank Giorgio, 151, Providence, brought Miguel Lopez, 149, New York, down with a body attack in the third round. Satch Jamiel, 171, Warren, kayoed Girard Minor, 167, New York, in the third.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS
By Fred Bishop

SYDNEY, N. S.: YOUNG LENNY SPARKS, 152, HALIFAX, SCORED HIS eighth win in ten starts as he stopped the more experienced veteran, Tiger Roy Steele, 159, New Glasgow, midway through the sixth round. Steele was floored twice by the fast left-hooking Sparks, in the third and again in the sixth before referee Pordina Smith wisely stopped it.

LeRoy Jones, 126, Halifax, had too many guns for young Larry Spencer, 128, Glace Bay, and scored a clean K.O. at 31 sec. of the third. Johnny MacNeil, 151, Syd. Mines, made short work of Halifax's Young Kuhn, 148, stopping him in one frame. Les Gillis, 126, Waterford, also put his man out in the first, Don Turnbull, 125, of New Glasgow. This booming card was opened as Tiger Sparks, 141, Halifax, flattened Dave Barnett, 140, Westmount, in two.

▶Halifax, N. S.: The summer season at the Halifax Forum opened with Richie Howard, 137, Halifax, Canadian champion, mauling his way to a 10 round dec. over unknown Tommy Nethercott, 134, Port Chester, N. Y.

Doug Turnbull, 137, New Glasgow, was a last minute replacement for Blair Richardson, and he just lasted a minute against Lenny Sparks, 146, Halifax, in the semi-final of six. In a special six, Alf Grant, 159, Halifax and Johnny Griffiths, 152, Halifax, stood toe to toe throughout with Griffiths gaining the nod.

Best fight of the nite was the opener, two kids making their pro starts in Halifax: Bobby Gordon, 139, Halifax, outpointed Kenny Dean, 140, Halifax, over four rounds.

▶Stellarton, N. S.: Jackie Hayden, 133, Westville, defended his Maritime title against Bobby Speight, 135, Saint John, N. B. Speight had no chance against the sharp shooting Hayden who was awarded a T.K.O. at the end of the eighth.

Johnnie MacNeil, 150, Syd. Mines, outpointed Peanuts Arsenault, 148, Summerside, P.E.I., in the semi-final of six. Jimmy Gillis, 144, New Glasgow, drew with Carl Arsenault, 144, Summerside, in a four while Lorne Spencer, 125, Stewiacke, N. S., drew with the more experienced Jimmy Poulton, 128, Charlottetown.

▶Quebec City: Dave Hilton, 122, Edmundson, N. B., won the Canadian featherweight title as he outpointed champion Gerry Simpson, 125, Montreal, over 12 rounds. Hilton has an undefeated string of 30 amateur fights and was making his third pro start against Simpson.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. Jimmie Amann

LOCAL AMATEUR CLUBS ARE LOADED with talent, ready to turn to the money ranks. Jimmy Brown, former trainer of heavyweight champion Ezzard Charles, has grouped himself with boxing men with the know how and if Brown is serious with his plans to promote pro fights, we feel sure he will find a big welcome from boxing fans hereabouts who have not had a pro program in two years.

Boxing lost a personality with the passing of Benny Becker. He was a square shooter, one of the old type. Boxing will miss this little fellow.

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NEWS FROM THE ORIENT
By Nene

YOUNG PAILINO, 151, MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPION OF THE Philippines, annexed the Orient title by outpointing Dawthong Sinphalok, 155, of Bangkok, in 12 rounds on a split decision at the Happy World Stadium, Singapore.

Ray Mong Chan, 126½, local feather king, drew with Nai Somkiat, Bangkok, 127, in 10 rounds.

Nai Sutichai, Kanungsuk, Thialand's ranking feather, stopped Poh Juat, 128, Singapore, in the sixth round on a cut eye. Kong Foo, 116, Singapore, outpointed Seng Leong, 115, in six, and Gopal Valdez, 108, a Hindu, outpointed Fgt. Jamal, 109, in 4.

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BOXING IN ARGENTINA

By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

SAN JUAN—AT THE "JULIO MOCOROA" RING, welterweight Dante "Red" Rodriguez decisioned Silvio Frias in ten.

▶BAHIA BLANCA—In the welter bout at the "Salon de los Deportes" ring, Arturo Rearte kayoed Rodolfo Romero in six.

▶MAR DEL PLATA—Mario Basualdo welter, won by K.O. over Francisco Seron in the sixth.

▶SANTIAGO DEL ESTERO—At the "Estudiantes Unidos" club, Ramon Paz, welterweight, kayoed Juan B. Sosa in seven.

▶MAR DEL PLATA—At the "Bristol" ring, lightweight Fred Galiana of Spain won on points in 10 rounds over Julio Febres of Peru in a return match.

▶TUCUMAN—In a featherweight bout Raul Vargas and Pedro Miranda drew in 10 rounds.

▶ROSARIO—Pedro Almagro, welter, kayoed Sanitago Minelli in eight at the "Norte" stadium.

▶TANDIL—Featherweight Adolfo Pendas kayoed Juan Carlos Berger in six.

▶POSADAS—Kid Pascualito, bantam champion of Paraguay, lost a ten rounds decision to Angel Bustos.

▶CORDOBA—At the "Cordoba Sport" club, Carlos Quintana and Hugo Juarez drew in 10 rounds.

▶TEMPERLEY—Adalberto Ochoa, welter, kayoed Miguel Castro in five rounds.

▶BERAZATEGUI—In the lightweight bout, Juan Campos drew in 10 rounds with Pablo Cardenas.

▶BUENOS AIRES—At the "Luna Park" ring Ricardo Gonzales (Gonzalito), Argentine and South American champion, won in 10 rounds on points over Alfredo Bunetta. This was the seventh fight between Gonzalito and Bunetta.

▶BUENOS AIRES—At the "Luna Park" ring in a heavyweight bout, Rinaldo Ansaloni, Argentine champion, stopped Ricardo Gonzalez in five rounds.

▶MAR DEL PLATA—Manolo Garcia, Spanish featherweight, stopped Roberto Palavecino in nine rounds.

▶MENDOZA—In a welterweight bout, Oscar Miranda won by disqualification in five over Alberto Rodriguez.

▶CAPILLA DEL SENOR—Featherweight "Dany" Quiroga kayoed Jose Domingo Luna in two.

▶TUCUMAN—Cirilo Gil, Argentine welterchampion, won in 10 rounds over Ramon Paz.

▶TEMPERLEY—Adalberto Ochoa, welterweight, won on points in 10 rounds over Arturo Gonzalez.

▶MORENO—In a lightweight bout, Pedro Videla won in 10 rounds over Oscar Alonso.

▶BUENOS AIRES—At the "Luna Park" ring, lightweight Osvaldo Canete won in 10 rounds over Miguel Angel Pendola. Canete outpointed his opponent easily.

▶BUENOS AIRES—At the "Luna Park" ring, flyweight Carlos Rodriguez stopped Urbieta Sosa.

▶ROSARIO—Jose Casas, featherweight, drew in 10 rounds with Guillermo Mondot.

▶MAR DEL PLATA—In a middleweight bout, Juan Carlos Durand kayoed over Ramon Oliva, in five.

▶CORDOBA—In a light heavyweight bout, Guillermo Dutchman won in ten rounds over Jose Manzur.

▶TUCUMAN—Featherweights Raul Vargas and Oscar "Cachin" Diaz drew in ten.

Eder Jofre, Brazilian champion who became the first boxer from his homeland to gain a place in the Ring's International Ratings following his victory over Leo Espinosa. Eder, a former Olympian has also kayoed Roberta Castro and twice drew with Ernesto Miranda. He is highly rated by South American boxing men who predict a great future for this undefeated 23 year old ringman.

▶BUENOS AIRES—At the Luna Park Ring, ring, Manolo Garcia of Spain drew in 10 rounds with Manuel Alvarez, ex-Argentine champion, in the feather class.

▶BUENOS AIRES—At the "Luna Park" ring, welterweight Juan Benitez lost in 10 rounds to Gofredo Barcos. It was the first loss for Benitez. Roberto Chetta, welter, won by a T.K.O. in eight rounds over Silvio Frias.

▶CORDOBA—In a middleweight bout, Gregorio Zamora kayoed Marcelo Videla in nine. Zamora won the local title.

▶BAHIA BLANCA—For the local lightheavy title, Carlos Vasquez kayoed Ernesto Arias in ten.

▶ROSARIO—In a welterweight bout, Pedro Almagro won in 10 rounds over Roberto Sabra.

▶BUENOS AIRES—At "Luna Park" ring, lightweight Fred Galiana, of Spain, won in 10 rounds over Juan Campos. This boy received a severe lacing.

▶BUENOS AIRES—In a welterweight bout at the "Luna Park" ring, Roberto Chetta won by a T.K.O. in four rounds over Francisco Ciucci, and in the same division Ricardo Falech stopped Santiago Minelli in four.

NEWS FROM CUBA

By Dr. Jorge A. Vieites

HAVANA—Former welterweight champion, Kid Fichique, 143½, fighting an uphill battle, stopped Diogenes Sagarra, 143½, who had picked a big early lead in the sixth.

Jorge Nunez, 120½, looked like an easy winner, but was disqualified in the seventh against veteran Victor Recio, 120¼, for butting.

Cristobal Gonzalez, 125½, stopped Jose M. Rodriguez, 124½, in three. Glauco (Pappy) Ferreiro, 122¼, stopped Ruben Fonseca, 121¾, in 3 also, and Joe Stable, 135, drew in 4 with Israel Napoles, 131½.

▶HAVANA—Before a huge gathering, with some thousands turned away, close to 15,000 fans paid $36,200, with a $29,830 net, to watch a sensational scheduled 10 rounder, with every principal figure of the New Government, including Fidel Castro, on hand.

In the feature bout, Florentino Fernandez, 141, scored his 15th straight k.o. in a total of 18 out of 21 pro-fights when he stopped former lightweight champion of the world, Paddy De Marco, 144½, in 50 seconds of round four. De Marco was penalized the first and third rounds for repeated butting and opening a couple of cuts around Florentino's eyes. But Fernandez didn't need this advantage, as he clearly had De Marco on the defensive since the first minute of fighting. In the 4th, Florentino opened like a house afire, and soon had De Marco on the floor. He came up completely groggy and De Marco's seconds threw in the towel.

Turning in a real impressive fight, Cuban welter king, undefeated in 21 fights, Luis Manuel Rodriguez, 144½, first outboxed, then outpunched, and stopped Cecil Shorts, 146, Cleveland, Ohio, in 2.10 of the ninth round after dropping him twice before. Rodriguez certainly belongs among the best 10 welters.

Urtimino (Sugar) Ramos, 127¼, boxing beautifully, easily whipped Mexican Angel Guerrero, 127¼. Ramos stopped him in 2.10 of round four. Watch this lad. He's got everything and is only 19 years old.

Cuban Lightweight champion Rolando (Chico) Morales, 134½, won the unanimous decision in 10, from Tommy Tibbs, 133¼, Boston, Mass., in a very fast and furious fight. After the fight it was discovered that the "Chico" (The KID), had injured his left hand in the very first round. Anyway, Tibbs made an excellent fight and the fans were treated to some emotions all the way.

Ignacio Perez, 120½, won in 4 from Jose Diaz, 119¼, and Julian Diaz, 133, drew with Hector Medina, 131, in four also.—After the Fernandez-DeMarco fight, Cuban feather king, Martin (Guije) Rodriguez, announced his retirement from the ring due to eye troubles.

▶HAVANA—Angel (Robinson) Garcia, 134, won easily in 10, from Mexican Alfredo Urbina, 132, No. 1 contender to Mexico's lightweight title, outboxing him, to get the unanimous decision.

Venezuelan Carlos Hernandez, 133¼, undefeated in 8 fights scored another k.o. He twice dropped Pedro Labarrere, 134¼, in the first round and twice again in the 2nd before stopping him in 2.00 of the fourth.

Jose A. Napoles, 127¾, stopped Juan Bacallao, 128¼, in the fourth.

William Roncourt, 121, won in 4 from Henry Hitchman, 121.—Jesus Hernandez, 137¾, won in 4 from Julian Diaz, 138.

▶SANTA CLARA—Kid Fichique came up off the floor in the first round and dropped Sal Hernandez in the last minute of the 10th, to get a close but unanimous verdict in 10. Fichique weighed 145, Salvador, 148¾.

In the semi-final Diwaldo Ventosa, 133¼, won in eight from Ray Marquez, 135.

▶HAVANA—Orlando Castillo, 127¾, was lucky to get a draw in 10 with Tony Padron, 127¾, Caracas, Venezuela.

Jorge Nunez, 120¾, after leading for five rounds, was stopped in the seventh by Hilton Smith, 126 pounder from Tampa, Fla. Israel Napoles, 130¾, stopped Julian Perez, 133, in 3 rds.

Julio Gonzalez, 169, stopped Reinaldo Muro, 162½, in 4 and Julio Veliz, 120¼, stopped Adelmo Camacho, same weight, in the second.

▶HAVANA—Light-heavyweight champion of the Island, Julio Carreras, 158¼, was twice dropped in the fifth, and that caused his ten round unanimous defeat at the hands of Baby Colon, 154¾, in a non-title fight. It was an excellent bout and a return in certainly coming up.

Felix Gutierrez, 118½, fought a 10 round draw with Mexican Chiquis Rosales, 119, from Acapulco, in a real nip-and-tuck fight. Each official voted differently.

Pedro Miranda, 146¼, stopped Julian Yanes, 143¼, in 4.—Glauco (Pappy) Ferreiro, 120, stopped Sal Villa, 118, in 4.—Joaquin Rodriguez, 134, won in 4, from Julian Corona, 132¾.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By Selsso Tiborro

During May there were two international fights, namely, Figueroa-Chestnut and Rosales-Lassus, which the local boys won.

▶Ernesto Figueroa, 129, decisioned Ike Chestnut, 129, from California, in 10. Juanito Ramirez, 126, defeated Manuel Jimenez, 126, by disqualification, in 7. Guillermo Tellez, 118, and Jorge Alatorre, 118, drew in 6. Leonardo Lopez, 112, decisioned Pedro Rodriguez, 112, in 6. Felix Cuevas, 118, stopped Salvador Camargo, 118, in 1.

▶Cosme Maldonado, 135, decisioned Francisco Barraez, 132, in 10. Renato Torres Jr., 140, stopped Jose Campos, 145, in 2. Miguel Rojas, 120, decisioned Kid Chilapa, 118, in 6. Miguel Paredes, 118, and Dimas Colin, 118, drew in 6. Toluco Jimenez, 117, decisioned Manolo Rivas, 118, in 4.

▶Pichon Reyes, 143, and Ranchero Ruiz, 142, drew in 10. Max Huerta, 122, stopped Monito Luna, 118, in 6. Joe Aparicio, 118, won over Ramon Ramirez, 118, by disqualification, in 6. Sal Moctezuma, 126, decisioned Sergio Aranda, 123, in 6. Pedro Contreras, 118, decisioned Lauro Villa, 116, in 4.

▶Luis Gutierrez, 129, stopped Memo Baltazares, 129, in 5. Fernando Gomez, 126, decisioned Daniel Silva, 127, in 8. Ernesto Barrera, 112, decisioned Kid Cordova, 112, in 6. Julio Moreno, 116, decisioned Panchito Gonzalez, 119, in 6.

▶Chiquis Rosales, 118, decisioned Miguel Lassus, 118, from Cuba, in 10. Genaro Serafin, 126, decisioned Arnulfo Palomares, 125, in 8. Pollito Uribe, 108, decisioned Mauro Miranda, 108, in 6. Memo Balderas, 118, decisioned Guillermo Tellez, 118, in 6. Pipo Castillo, 112, stopped Luis Morales, 110, in 2.

▶Marcelo Vargas, 147, stopped Mike Ponce, 147, in 4. Victorio Guzman, 132, stopped Babe Zaragoza, 113, in 5. Pancho de Jesus, 111, stopped Javier Torres, 111, in 3. Porfirio Martinez, 126, stopped Gallito Cervantes, 126, in 4.

▶Ray Ruiz, 116, decisioned Chucho Hernandez, 116, in 10. Cisco Kid, 135, decisioned Al Olivera, 135, in 8. Antonio Sarmina, 126, stopped Negro Alfaro, 126, in 2. Panchito Espinosa, 112, decisioned Gabi Beltran, 112, in 4. Manolo Rivas, 112, decisioned Sergio Badillo, 112, in 4.

▶Jose Paredes, 138, stopped Lupe Garcia, 134, in 6. Danny Quezada, 149, stopped Tarzan Alvarado, 144, in 6. Rosendo Martinez, 126, drew with David Gomez, 126, in 6. Chuy Zulueta, 134, decisioned Coyote Sarabia, 138, in 6. Cuco Avalos, 112, stopped Felipe Pena, 112, in 3.

▶Javier Garfias, 118, stopped Roque Fernandez, 118, in 3. Alex Jimenez, 118, stopped Eleazar Gonzalez, 118, in 4. Guillermo Tellez, 118, stopped Torito Aguilar, 118, in 3. Julio Moreno, 118, stopped Miguel Paredes, 118, in 4. Carlos Wiedman, 126, stopped Rafael Lopez, 126, in 2.

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BOXING IN BRITISH GUIANA
By George Beckles

CAESAR BARROW, UNCROWNED LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION OF BRITISH Guiana, scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Cyclone Kid, Nickerie and Corentyne lightweight. Barrow also decisioned Cyclone six weeks earlier.

Barrow, who has so far had 25 fights, is unbeaten, having drawn twice. He has campaigned in British Guiana, Trinidad and Surinam.

▶Ivelaw Stephenson, 147, welterweight champion of British Guiana, decisioned Eugene Grant, 169½, over 10 rounds. Grant failed to make full use of his weight advantage.

BOXING IN PANAMA
By Juan W. Copeland

ARENA COLON; ONE OF THE LARGEST TURNOUTS IN RECENT years, over 4,000 fans, paid $6,100 to see local hero Jesus Santamaria make his bid for the big-time against veteran American Ike Chestnut.

Santamaria, 128½, held Ike close for the first four rounds, but from then on it was all the visitor's fight. Ike, at 129, had too much know-how and punched too fast as he handed Jesus his first loss as a pro.

Valentin Brown, 127, outscored veteran Sammy Medina, 126, in a pleasing eight rounder. Eloy Henry, 123, showed promise in kayoing Jose Perez, 126, in the second round, and Stanley Wilson, 126, beat Alejandro Pacheco, 124, in four.

EDWIN SYKES, 120½, PANAMA'S BANTAMWEIGHT champion, defeated Walter Ingram, 121, Pittsburgh, in a slow ten rounder at the Arena Colon.

Ernesto Reid, 119½, won a unanimous decision over Antonio (Porty) Gonzalez, 124, in a six rounder. Substitute Jose Gondola, 130, gave David Wright, 127½, a sound thrashing in a six.

Alejandro Pacheco, 129½, kayoed Joe Sandy, 131½, in four rounds.

BOXING IN BRAZIL
By Walter Quiroga

PENAROL PALACE, MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY:—DOGOMAR MARTINEZ, Uruguayan light heavyweight champion, re-won the South American title when he defeated Luis Ignacio, the champion, in a fifteen rounder. The bout was promoted by Uruguayan Boxing Enterprises, and 14,000 fans paid 90,124 Uruguayan dollars.

Ignacio was the aggressor throughout the fight but Martinez, a crafty and clever boxer, came on in the middle rounds to hammer home some telling right hand shots. Ignacio almost had Martinez out in the fourteenth round but the new champion weathered the storm. Fouls committed by Ignacio in the fourth and ninth rounds had much to do with the final decision, which was a close one.

▶Ibirapuera Stadium, Sao Paulo:—Fernando Barreto, 146, Brazilian welterweight champion, remained undefeated when he beat Alberto Jabib, 145, of Argentina, the fight being stopped in the sixth round after Jabib had been dropped five times.

Mario dos Santos stopped Eduardo Zalazar of Argentina. Otacilio dos Santos outpointed Arthur Fonseca in six rounds. Luis Carlos dos Santos, welterweight, made his pro debut a winning one when he defeated veteran Manoel Evangelista in a six rounder.

▶Ibirapuera Stadium: — Brazilian light heavyweight Aristides Pinto disappointed in his fight with Cesar Pereyra of Argentina, though he received the ten rounds decision.

Euclides Queiroz, young welterweight, made a surprisingly good showing in holding Alejandrino Rojas of Argentina to a ten rounds draw. Otacilio dos Santos and Claudio de Jesus drew in six rounds. Luis Carlos dos Santos defeated Cid Luzzi in six rounds.

NEWS FROM VENEZUELA
By William Albert

MARACAIBO: LEO ESPINOSA OF THE PHILIPPINES STOPPED Ramon Calatayud in the eighth round when the Venezuelan boxer suffered a badly cut eye. The bout was held at the Nuevo Circo. Espinosa weight 115, Calatayud 113½.

Nelson Estrada, promising bantamweight who has been campaigning in Cuba, came home to score a knockout over Ignacio Cobby in five rounds.

SPOKANE NEWS
By Jack Powers

OUR JUNE 2nd SHOW DREW 2458 FANS AND A GROSS OF $4972. In it, the Terry Lewis myth exploded dramatically when Earl Atley, from Kennett Square, Pa., used just three punches and slightly over one minute to flatten the 237 pound Spokane heavyweight who was being highly touted as a real national prospect. Atley hit Lewis with three consecutive identical left hooks and each time Lewis hit the deck like a pole-axed elephant. Nobody in this area ever heard of Atley before, and the boys who guess had Lewis about ten to one favorite and three to one to stop Atley within five rounds.

Kirk Barrow, Spokane 176-pound brawler, again stole the show in a real pier sixer that was in the semi-windup spot. Barrow and Clyde Watson, 175, of Los Angeles, staged a back alley brawl right down to the wire and both were in trouble along the way. This fight had the fans standing and screaming and applauding the entire last round. Barrow got a split decision that should have been unanimous and Watson is welcome back any time.

The rest of the card was mediocre. Spokane heavyweight Johnny Riggins stopped unwilling and out-of-condition Tony Emanuel, 215, of Los Angeles in the fifth round. Bobby Harris, 169, Los Angeles, quit in the fourth round against Bob McKinney, 175, of Tacoma. Commissioner Felice ordered Harris' purse held up pending investigation. In a four rounder 164-pound Bill Bailey of Tacoma decisioned Bob Peacock of Portland.

Terry Lewis' handlers cannot be accused of pushing him too fast as it would be extremely difficult to gather up any weaker opposition than he has faced in piling up his seventeen knockouts and an undefeated record. Earl Atley certainly shaped up to be nothing more than a workout for the Spokane behemoth.

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MARYLANDS MERRY MAULERS
By Joe Poodles, Sr.

WARRONELL (BOOM) LESTER GAINED THE LIGHTHEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP of Maryland when he whipped Young Beau Jack at the Baltimore Coliseum by a 10 round split decision. Lester also holds the heavyweight diadem, by decisioning Burt Whitehurst several months earlier.

Lester's aggressiveness paid off for he ever was on the prowl for his slippery foe, although staggered several times by Young Beau's sneak left hooks. The 700 fans who paid $1,354 hooted the decision lustily. Jack is a native Baltimorean although he is now doing his boxing out of Boston. His real name is Ellwood Thornton. He scaled 170, four pounds less than Lester.

Joe Salci came in as a last minute substitute and scored a six round TKO over favored Richie Argo. Salci, hailing from Wilkes Barre, Pa., has a six bout winning streak since turning pro. The referee wisely stopped the bout with Argo appearing helpless. Both boys are lightweights.

In a welterweight joust Chick Bloss of Wilkes-Barre. T.K.O.'d Lorenzo Shelly of Baltimore, in the third round. Cornelius "Killer" McPaul avenged an earlier defeat when he scored a second round TKO over Charley Diggs in a welterweight bout. Both are local boys.

Bobby Hurtt, Baltimore welterweight, gave Freddy Taylor, Washington, D. C. lad a good going over to win the decision in six rounds.

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NEWS FROM SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

THE NEW BRISBANE STADIUM IS OPEN —ONLY DON'T call it Stadium, please; it is known as the Festival Hall. It seats 6,000 persons, is futuristic in design, acoustically perfect, fitted with comfortable chairs, has ten entrances, a lounge, a mezzanine floor. There are no supporting pillars to block the view of persons in the hall. There is an orchestra pit and a stage.

Of course it won't be used only for boxing; there will be variety concerts, singing and orchestral recitals, balls, skating and several other activities—even to swimming in prefabricated pools. The Festival Hall cost $670,000.

It was opened on April 27, when a concert was staged for charity. On May 1 came the first boxing at the Hall, with Australian middleweight champion CLIVE STEWART opposing Welshman FREDDIE CROSS in the main event over twelve rounds.

The big fight disappointed the capacity house. Stewart was much too good for Cross, the referee stopping the bout in the last round, but Clive did not raise the temperatures of the crowd with his display.

A far more pleasing bout was the main eight-rounder in which JOHNNY TAPP outpointed tough LAURIE LATCH. They are welters.

▶The following week JOE N'GIDI, Zulu challenger for George Barnes' Empire welter title, was too experienced for JACK WALSH, the referee calling it off in the eleventh round. Walsh was on the floor when a halt was called.

▶There was a very good bout the week after that. Former amateur champion and Gold Medal winner at the last Empire Games, WALLY TAYLOR, taking part in his third professional contest, stopped former bantam champion of Australia, DICK WHITE, in the 13th round, to win the Queensland State featherweight title.

▶At Sydney Stadium over ten three-minute rounds, young vastly-improving welter, BRIAN SHEEHAN proved too good for DON BARNES (brother of George) and had him out on his feet when referee Vic Patrick called a halt with four seconds of the last round to go.

▶Sydney Stadium headlined with three eight-rounders, on the top of which appeared boxing's latest Golden Boy, featherweight DAVID FLOYD, having his fourth pro start. David was opposed to experienced lightweight PETER KANE and showed out extremely well to stop Kane in the seventh round.

▶Melbourne Stadium started the month well, with Italian welter BRUNO RAVAGLIA opposed to Irishman MIKE LEAHY. It was a good bout, but Ravaglia wanted to pull out in the sixth round. His chief second forced him to carry on and he went on to gain a points verdict from the referee Terry Reilly—and Reilly was the only one in the Stadium who thought the Italian won.

▶Leahy came to Sydney for his next bout—meeting SANDY MANUEL, the African welter. Mike impressed with his ability to land at any range and always on target. The winner? Mike Leahy by a large margin of points.

▶A lot of people want to know BARRY MOLLOY'S cure for influenza. He was matched with Australian bantam champion, Johnny Jarrett, in an overweight bout at Sydney Stadium, but two days before, withdrew because of flu. Yet three days later—on May 7—he fought the main fight against STEVE NITTIES (our best featherweight) at Melbourne Stadium! Beat that one! Rival promotions? Not a bit of it; Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane arenas all belong to Stadiums Ltd. Nitties knocked him out in the sixth round.

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▶Israeli lightweight DAVID OVED and Italian counterpart, ALDO PRAVISANI fought a two-man war at Melbourne Stadium with Oved taking out the verdict. These two can fight again and draw big money.

▶BULL DOWNS BEER. Makes a good heading, doesn't it? A real news item much better than Man Bites Dog. ERNIE BULL HUGHES (always known as "Bull" and never "Ernie"), the Australian light-heavyweight champion, fought DOUG BEER (his correct name) at Albury.

Bull was much too good and, after the champion won every round of the first four, Beer turned it in at the end of the fourth.

▶At Nowra a double bill of ten-rounders. In the headline BRIAN SMITH, number two featherweight contender for the Australian title, easily outpointed ALDO COLANGELO in a bout which did not show Smith at his top, due to Colangelo's smother-style and wild kidney-landing swings, for which he received several cautions.

The other ten was better, with TEDDY RAINBOW outpointing TEDDY BELL in a bantamweight bout.

▶Reg Woodley promoted at Redfern (a suburb of Sydney), with a N.S.W. State bantam title on top of the bill. EDDIE ELLSTON won the title by outpointing TEDDY RAINBOW over twelve rounds. Jimmy Carruthers was the referee.

FROM THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

LITTLE CEZAR, 126½, WHOM EVERY ONE IN THE BOXING CIRCLE thought to be over the hill after his defeat by Rufino Radilla, came out with a surprise when he badly outpointed Hisao Kobayashi, 128½, of Japan, featherweight champion of the Orient in a 10 round non-title bout at the Coliseum. The Japanese champion, who beat Leo Espinosa for the title, kept backing away. He won only the second in which he cut his rival's left eyebrow. The referee and two judges did not have a hard time in deciding in favor of the former bantamweight champion of the Philippines.

Nursery Kid, 134½, badly outpointed Tommy Romulo, 134¼, in a 10 rounder. It was a fight between two wild men with Nursery being the more aggressive.

Young Bonnie, 111, halted Leo Amadeo, 113, in the very 1st round. Star Catalan, 115, bested Benny Cruz, 112½, in 6. Larry Fernandez, 136, defeated Blitz Najar, 139, in 4. Nestor Sison, 112½, outpointed Fred Albuena, 112, in 4. Phil Ravalo, 128, bested Boy Anastacio, 130, in 4 round curtain raiser.

▶Clever Perez, 113, decisioned Viva Zapata, 113, in 8 round main event in Roxas, Isabela. Rush Beny, 120, won over Vic Santos, 121, in 8. Dommy Perez, 113, outboxed Baby Agata, 115, in 6. Fighting Fontanilla, 117, decisioned Nortado Kid, 116, in 4. Rocky Sanchez, 113, kayoed Danny Bicol, 114, in 1. Danny Rico, 118, knocked out Callang Kid, 120, in 2. Bakery Boy, 121, stopped Star Polly, 117, in 2.

▶Star Quinto, 120, decisioned Smart Francing, 122, in 6 rounds in Binalonan, Pangasinan. Rocky Renato, 117, defeated Smiling Kid, 117, in 6. Terry Castro, 116, halted Young Cabanilla, 120, in 4. Young Benito, 126, won over Baby Samson, 127, in 4. Mighty Poro, 115, decisioned Baby Basa, 109, in 4. Bonnie Plares, 114, drew with Benny Kid, 115, in 4. Kid Liberty, 120, halted Kid Insiong, 121, in 2.

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A-ROUND AND A-BOUT

FEATURE

By BOB ALLEN

THIS seems to be The Year of Decision for boxing but they are all the wrong kind, being handed down by Federal Court justices, blue-panel juries, General Session judges, and boxing commissions from one end of the country to the other. Oh for the happy days when the only decisions boxing had to worry about were those rendered by two ringside judges and a referee.

The outdoor boxing season is more than half over and not a single bout has been scheduled yet in the metropolitan New York area for Dyckman Oval, the Queensbury Arena, Coney Island Velodrome, Long Beach Stadium, MacArthur Stadium, Dexter Park, Fort Hamilton Arena, Starlight Park, Croke Park, Roosevelt Stadium. Ah, Television! Ah, Apartment House Developments! Ah, Super-Markets!

Primo Carnera recently underwent an operation in Italy for stomach ulcers. These must have come from worrying about his wrestling opponents; he never complained about stomach pains in the days when he was fighting his way to a world heavyweight championship in boxing.

There was a story out of Melbourne, Australia, about an Italian welterweight named Bruno Ravaglia who wanted to quit after the sixth round of a scheduled twelve-rounder. His manager pushed him back into the center of the ring when the seventh round started and Ravaglia went on to win the decision at the conclusion of the contest. Maybe Ravaglia was under the impression that it was only a six-round bout to start with.

This reminds us of the manager who always used to tell his fighter, in the one-minute rest-period between rounds, "*Last round coming up—give it everything you've got.*" Which was fine advice, except that the manager would start giving this advice after the fifth round and keep it up after every round until the start of the tenth.

A lengthy analysis of the boxing situation in the United States appeared in a Johannesburg, South Africa, paper and concluded with the comment: "*What American boxing needs most of all is new blood to set people talking.*" Yes, but talking isn't enough. A few cash-paying customers would help a lot more.

One of the things that annoys us at boxing events is the time consumed by Commission officials in checking over the score cards of the referee and judges before the ring announcer can reveal the decision. They do it faster in New York than anywhere else and maybe one of the reasons it takes so long in some states is because the tv cameras focus on the officials while they go through the process of checking. May we suggest a blackout of Commission representatives during the checking process; this should produce quicker decisions.

Not that a recheck of the score cards isn't necessary. Sometimes it corrects an error and had the procedure been followed recently Waterbury, Conn., it would have prevented an embarrassing situation. This came about when Pat Mallane was declared the winner over Al King in a lightweight contest, only to learn—in his dressing-room after the fight—that a recount of the referee's card revealed an error and that King was the rightful winner.

It happened once in Madison Square Garden, too. An Argentine heavyweight named Abel Cestac was making his American debut in a semi-final contest against John Thomas, some fifteen years ago. A special radio broadcast was hooked up for Argentine listening. Buck Canel, NBC announcer, speaking in Spanish, gave a fiery blow-by-blow description of the action and at the end of the bout duly announced Cestac the winner, as revealed by the ring announcer.

Less than thirty seconds after Canel had gone off the air, an error was discovered in the score cards, and the decision was reversed—too late for Canel to do anything about it. Reports coming back from Buenos Aires several days later revealed that Cestac's "victory" had been hailed most enthusiastically in Argentina. When cable stories to Buenos Aires the next day corrected the error and showed Cestac the loser, it was Canel who was blamed for the confusion. It took poor Buck years to prove his innocence.

On the very same day as the King-Mallane mix-up in Waterbury, the Connecticut House of Representatives confirmed Gov. Abraham Ribicoff's designation of a woman judge to a juvenile court by a vote of 285 to 0. This was a great tribute to the woman judge but it so happened that only 261 legislators were present and voting. They needed a recount there too.

The headline said: "*Manassa Mauler Beats Ivy Leaguer.*" This was wrong on two counts. The only Ivy Leaguer Dempsey ever met was Tunney, who qualified as an Ivy Leaguer by lecturing on Shakespeare at Yale. But Dempsey never beat Tunney. And besides, Manassa Mauler and Ivy Leaguer are horses running at Jamaica.

The Mayor of Fitchburg, Mass., recently boxed the Mayor of Leominster in a three-round bout for charity. The distinguished gentlemen wore 16-ounce gloves. This wasn't a boxing match—it was a pillow fight.

The manager of Elvis Presley is arranging to have the rock 'n roll singer perform on a nationwide closed tv circuit after the singer's discharge from the Army early next year. The closed circuit telecast, says the manager, will be "*like those used for championship prize fights.*" Boxing gets blamed for everything.

Jack Kearns used to tell a story about trying to make a heavyweight fighter out of Al Capone. The imaginative Doc has changed that now to a new version of his relation with the Cicero mobster. It seems that what Kearns was really trying to do was to make an evangelist out of Capone. In an interview with Ed Pope of the Miami Herald, Doc said:

"*In 1932 Capone was in the Cook County jail. I had Jackie Fields fighting Lou Brouillard for the welter title in Chi and Al sent me word to bring him some tickets for his friends. So I took fifty tickets to the jailhouse. While there I made my pitch. 'Al,' I said, you know this Billy Sunday who goes around making sermons? If he can be an evangelist why can't you? You could go on tour, telling the error of your ways, and I'll promote you. We can do a lot of good. Besides we'll make a million dollars.*

"*Well, sure enough I talked Capone into the idea. He actually started practicing his speech in his cell. It was all set. Would we clean up! But then Al had to go away. To Alcatraz. When he got out he'd forgotten all about our evangelistic tour.*"

We don't believe it either but that Kearns sure can think them up.

NEWS OF THE BRITISH ISLES

By JOHNNY SHARPE

ROTHERHAM . . . Arthur Howard, Islington, came through with a good points victory after ten hard rounds against Ron Redrup, West Ham, both scaled inside the stipulated 177 lbs. . . . Derek Liversidge, Retford, 159, was declared to have lost to Johnny Cunningham, Huddersfield, 159, after eight interesting rounds . . . Billy Calvert, Sheffield, 125½, showed good progress in gaining a well deserved points win over Andy Hayford, Ghana & Halifax, 129¼, in an exciting six . . . Tony Broadhead, Sheffield, 159½, got off the canvas SIX times to defeat Peter Goldie, Halifax, 159½, in the sixth, when the referee intervened to save Goldie from unnecessary punishment. Goldie was all spent trying to keep Tony on the deck, and was in no condition to stave off the furious onslaught that the game Broadhead put in during the sixth . . . Brian Hunt, Worksop, 134, outpointed Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 130, in six . . . Colin Aldridge, South Elmsall, 158, outpointed Penni Latu, Tonga, 157, in six.

▶NEWCASTLE . . . Pierre Cossemyns, Belgium, 118, is a popular performer in British rings, for the fans always support a boxer who gives them value for their entrance fee. In his bout with the popular Tynesider George Bowes, Hesleden, Durham, 117¾, he displayed fine generalship to gain a good points win after ten exciting rounds . . . Phil McGrath, Halifax, 130¾, outpointed Dave Croll, Dundee, 127¾, in eight . . . John O'Brien, Glasgow, 129, boxing cleverly and accurately, outpointed Con Mount-Bassie, Jamaica, 127¾, in eight . . . Ron Jackson, Newcastle, 152¾, stopped Ken Chadwick, Manchester, 154, in the second . . . Darnley Bowen, Nigeria, 148¾, outpointed Jimmy Lawson, Middlesborough, 156, in six.

▶MARKET HARBOROUGH . . . George Aldridge, Market Harborough, 162, scored an easy points victory over Ted Buck, Retford, 163½, in eight. . . . Sunny Osemegie, Ghana, 145, making his first appearance in a British ring, knocked out Len Edmunds, Nottingham, 144¼, in the second. . . .Richard North, Nottingham, 153, outpointed Moshood Balogun, Ghana, 163, in six. . . . Don Cox, Harborough, 192, stopped Stan Davis, Kettering, 198¾, in the second. . . . Dave Chandler, Battersea, 138½, outpointed Billy Allport, Walsall, 133, in six. . . . Tex Marsh, Jamaica, 137, outpointed Billy Elliott, Leicester, 139, in six.

▶BIRMINGHAM . . . Terry Banning, Warwick, 142, was declared the winner against Ray Corbett, Birmingham, 145¼, when the latter was ruled out during the seventh for an alleged low blow. . . . Joe Walcott, Trinidad, 173, was too experienced for Colin Spittle, Brierly Hill, 173¾, and was a clear winner at the end of six rounds. . . . Colin Salcombe, Smethwick, 134, outpointed Brian Paxford, Wigan, 139, in six. . . . Peter McKenna, Lostock Hall, 161¾, knocked out Jim Edwards, Wolverhampton, 161¾, in the second. . . . Harry Salcombe, Smethwick, 120, stopped Paddy Walmsley, Preston, 117¾, in the third.

▶WALWORTH . . . Barney Beale, Lambeth, 137, caused a mild sensation by punishing and stopping the hard hitting Scottish lightweight champion, Johnny Kidd, Aberdeen, 133½, in the third. Referee Bill Williams intervened after Kidd had taken a count of "eight" from a short right to the jaw. . . . Hugh O'Neil, Walworth, 126½, outpointed Barrie Smith, Dartford, 127, in a spirited six. . . . Steve Richards, Bermondsey, formerly from Hungary, 148, made a good start in the paid ranks by outpointing Mike Robbins, Camberwell, 150¼, in six. . . . Billy Secular, Walworth, 130½, outpointed Johnny Collier, Stepney, 131, in six. . . . Pat Stapleton, Dublin, 184, repeated his previous points win over Brian Jelly, Bermondsey, 198½, in six. . . . Peter Hibbert, Shepherds Bush, 128, defeated Jimmy Giles, Stepney, 125½, in the second, when the latter was disqualified.

▶I was sorry to hear that George James, former Welsh heavyweight champion, was in hospital where he was forced to have his left leg amputated. . . . Another sad case was recorded when Johnny Williams, former British heavyweight champion, was in a serious condition after a car crash in which he suffered two broken legs. . . . "Get Well Boys" the whole boxing fraternity are rooting for you, for you were always a credit during your boxing careers.

▶NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB. London . . . Phil Jones, Cardiff, 128½, made it fifteen straight when he outpointed Phil McGrath, Halifax, 130, in a closely fought eight. . . . Roy Beaman, Brixton, 119¼, knocked out Gerry Jones, Wigan, 119½, in the third. . . . Too many fights seems to have taken the toll on Tony French, Woking, 152, for he seems to have lost his former lustre. In his bout with Tommy Power, Nottingham, 158½, he suffered a fourth round knock out. . . . This makes four in succession since the rot set in, and he would be advised to take a long rest. . . . Tommy Hayes, Bristol, 148, did a good performance in stopping Vic Crowley, Hackney, 148, in the third when referee Benny Caplan stopped the bout in Hayes favour. . . . Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 129¾, outpointed Jimmy Giles, Stepney, 125½, in six. . . . Junior Cassidy, Nigeria, 129, stopped Aubrey Day, Kings Lynn, 127½, in the second when the latter received a badly cut eye.

▶CARLISLE . . . Teddy Peckham, Bournemouth, 127, gained a points win over Andy Hayford, Ghana, 127¾, in a lively eight. . . . Dudley Cox, Bournemouth, 160, outpointed Tommy Massebo, Neath, 161½, in six. . . . Abe Stanley, Bournemouth, 177¼, stopped Ted Williams, Huddersfield, 179, in the sixth when the latter received a badly cut eye. . . . Jackie Moran, Carlisle, knocked out Fenwick Rivers, North Shields, in the second. . . . Brian Husband, Hull, 150, stopped Norman Jenkins, Port Talbot, 151½, in the first.

▶SHOREDITCH . . . Whatever aspirations Johnny Howard, Holloway, 125½, had for a tilt at Bobby Neil's featherweight title, was shattered for the time being at least when he was clearly outboxed by John O'Brien, Glasgow, 127¼, in an exciting eight. . . . Ron Warnes, Erith, 146, gained a narrow points win over Reg Fisher, Leyton, 144½, in eight. . . . Tony Dover, Battersea, 176, clearly outpointed Eric Ludlam, Sheffield, 172½, in a terrific eight. . . . Tommy Gibbons, Hanwell, 176½, outpointed Colin Spittle, Brierly Hill, 175, in six. . . . It took Ron McMasters, Nottingham, 142, less than a minute to land his pet left hook on the jaw of Brian Hanmore, Shoreditch, 137¾, and the latter was forced to take the full count.

▶WEMBLEY . . . Frank Bowling, Tottenham, 138, outpointed Terry Tulley, Brighton, 137, in a hard fought six. . . . Kevin Duffy, Harrow, 146¾, stopped Gus Harry, Trinidad, 150¾, in the fourth. . . . Peter Anderson, Cricklewood, 147¾, outpointed Terry Lake, Morden, 143½, in six. . . . Roy Lake, Morden, 125½, outpointed Kofio Manu, Ghana, 123¾, in six. . . . Jackie Bowers, Canning Town, 125¼, confirmed a previous points with a repeat against Alex Bryant, Islington, 127¾, in six. . . . Billy Walker, Kings Cross, 115¼, stopped Billy Odwell, Camden Town, 114½, in the sixth and last round.

▶LIVERPOOL . . . Johnny Melfah, 148, and Saul Armstrong, 145, both from far off Ghana, met at The Stadium, Liverpool, to decide who was the better man. Referee Jack Lord, who has had a lot of experience as a boxer, worked harder than the two boxers during the eight rounds, for his continual order to "Break" was taken up by the crowd who were bored by their mediocre performance. At the end the refree awarded his decision as a win for Armstrong, but the moderate crowd could not have cared less. . . . Brian Jones, Nottingham, 136, found a way to combat the southpaw style of the six foot tall Ghana lightweight, Bob Cofie, 136¾, and he received a big ovation when he was awarded the points decision in eight. . . . Richie Edwardson, Bootle, 150, was a good points winner over Barry Burke, Preston, 153, in six. . . . Brian Paxford, Hindley Green, 136, was declared the winner over Chris Nelson, Lancaster, 135, when the latter retired at the end of the fifth. . . . Pete Dutton, Warrington, 140, and Tommy Weston, Preston, 138, fought a lively draw in four.

▶GREAT YARMOUTH . . . Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 140, set a hot pace from the first gong to gain a points decision over Terry Gill, West Ham, 148, after a very interesting eight. . . . Colin Moore, Derby, 147, and Eltoro Steed, Trinidad, 149, fought a fierce, furious draw in six. . . . Chris Elliott, Leicester, 128, pummelled Jimmy Giles, Stepney, 127½, around the ring before the referee called a halt during the fourth to save the latter from further punishment. . . . Tony Webster, Norwich, 132, outpointed Paul Beattie, Leicester, 134, in a hard fought six. . . . Domineo Valleral, Trinidad, 135, was disqualified in the third for striking his opponent Jimmy Redmond, Bournemouth, 135, when the latter was down. . . . Tex Marsh, Trinidad, 138, outpointed Billy Elliott, Leicester, 138 in six.

▶PAISLEY . . . Chic Calderwood, Scottish cruiserweight champion, 178, won in a canter without being hard pressed against Charlie Forrest, America, 176¾, and referee Frank Wilson stopped the one-sided bout during the seventh. . . . John McCormack, Glasgow, Scottish middleweight champion, 159½, gained a well merited points decision over Gene Jones, New York, 160, in ten. . . . Jackie Brown, Edinburgh, 114, kept his unbeaten record as a professional when he stopped Frankie Spencer, Wolverhampton, 115, in the eighth and final round. . . . Alex

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

(to June 19, 1959)

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	Yvon Durelle (C)	Dick Tiger (N)	George Barnes (A)
2. Joe Erskine (W)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	Yama Bahama (B)	Joe N'Gidi (SA)
3. Brian London (E)	Mike Holt (SA)	Terry Downes (E)	Gerald Gray (J)
4. George Chuvalo (C)	Chic Calderwood (S)	Wilf Greaves (C)	Dickie Williams (SA)
5. Joe Bygraves (J)	Sam Langford (N)	John McCormack (S)	Attu Clottey (G)
6. Dick Richardson (W)	Arthur Howard (E)	Clive Stewart (A)	Johnny van Rensberg (SA)
7. Gawie de Klerk (SA)	Jack Whittaker (E)	Phil Edwards (W)	Albert Carroll (E)
8. Dave Rent (E)	Ron Redrup (E)	Freddie Cross (W)	Billy Todd (A)
9. Joey Armstrong (G)	Eddie Wright (E)	Martin Hansen (E)	Mick Leahy (I)
10. Alan Williams (A)	Al Sparks (C)		Sandy Manuel (N)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Dave Charnley (E)	Hogan Bassey (N)	Freddie Gilroy (I)	Johnny Caldwell (T)
2. Richie Howard (C)	Percy Lewis (T)	George Bowes (E)	Dennis Adams (SA)
3. Ludwig Lightburn (BH)	Rafiu King (N)	Johnny Jarrett (A)	Frank Jones (S)
4. Jackie Hayden (C)	Bobby Neill (S)	Tommy Miller (S)	Jackie Brown (S)
5. Billy Kelly (I)	Pete Kawala (C)	Wally Taylor (A)	Derek Lloyd (E)
6. Ron Hinson (E)	Ernie Baronet (SA)	Derry Treanor (I)	Pancho Bhatachaji (In)
7. Barney Beale (E)	Charlie Els (SA)	Billy Rafferty (S)	Malcolm McLeod (I)
8. Dave Stone (E)	Floyd Robertson (G)	Len Reece (W)	Little Joe (G)
9. George Bracken (C)	Roy Jacobs (N)	Erie Brett (E)	Moses Edeki (N)
10. Johnny Simmons (E)	Terry Spinks (E)	Terry Toole (E)	John Mtimkulu (SA)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales.

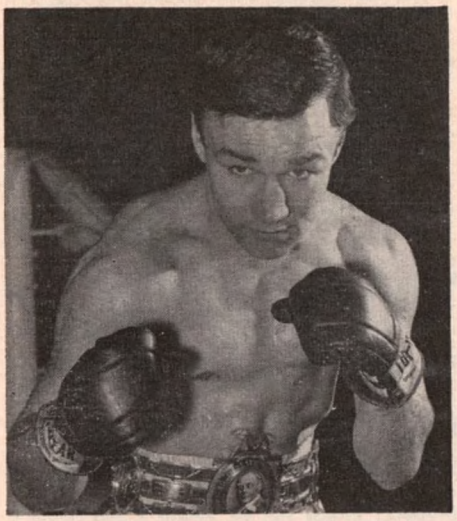
Ambrose, Scottish flyweight champion, 113½, reversed a previous defeat by outpointing Pancho Bhatachaji, India, 111¾, in eight. . . . Johnny Morrissey, Newarthill, 119½, outpointed Ron Jones, West Ham, 120¼, in eight.

▶BELFAST . . . Brian Husband, Hull, 147, defeated Joe Collins, Barrow, 148, in the sixth when the latter retired after taking a considerable amount of punishment. . . . Jim Fisher, Belfast, 125, outpointed Charlie Odamasi, Nigeria, 126, in a scrambling eight. . . . Gerry O'Neill, Belfast, 142, knocked out Jack O'Brien, Belfast, 140¼, in the fourth. . . . Jackie Willis, Belfast, 156, outpointed Paddy McAuley, Belfast, 151, in six.

▶WEST HARTLEPOOL . . . Promoter Walter Hazletine was rewarded with a full house when he staged a bout between George Bowes, Hesleden, 117½, and Kimpo Amarfio, Ghana, 118¾, over ten rounds. . . . Bowes started off trying to wipe the floor of his rival with right after right forgetting that to score effectively he must make an opening for the dexter hand. Nevertheless he always held the upper hand and after steadying himself in the second half of the ten rounds he ran out a comfortable winner on points. . . . Tommy Miller, West Lothian, 119½, proved too good for Johnny Lewis, Nottingham, 119½, and it was no surprise when the referee intervened during the seventh after Lewis sustained a badly cut eye. . . . Ola Michael, Nigeria, 135½, knocked out Johnny McLaren, Glasgow, 137½, in the fourth. . . . John Bacon, Middlesborough, 138, outpointed Johnny Bamborough, West Hartlepool, 135, in six. . . . Les Robinson, Sunderland, 136, stopped Billy Adams, North Shields, 134, in the third.

▶EMPIRE POOL, WEMBLEY . . . Dave Charnley, Dartford, reigning British lightweight champion, 133¾, added The Empire title to his collection when he knocked out the holder, Willie Toweel, South Africa, 135, in the tenth. Their first bout was a close affair with the South African having a slight lead at the end of fifteen rounds, but on this occasion it was the determination of Charnley from the start to take the initiative and force the pace with a combination of punches and the final right to the head. This method seemed to pay dividends for Toweel could never seem able to avoid this right to the side of his head. Although the South African fought back gallantly he nevertheless showed signs that all was not well with himself. Perhaps it was the thought that he had to work in the gym during the morning to shed some of the extra poundage that would put him in the welterweight class. At the weigh-in Toweel had to go to the scales three times before the B.B.B.C. Inspector would state that he had scaled 135 lbs. It would NOT be fair to Charnley to say that this weight trouble of Toweel's won him the bout, for the South African fought determinedly throughout and in fact had the better of the close quarter work, but it was the combination of punches that the Dartford Soldier applied and his determination to reverse his previous defeat that spurred him on to victory. Seldom have I seen Charnley fight so well, and if given THE CHANCE to meet Joe Brown for the latter's world lightweight title and he shows the form that displayed on this night (also the night that he clearly outpointed Don Jordan, now world's welterweight champion), he has a great chance of annexing another title. . . . By the time that these notes appear, Private Dave Charnley will be a civilian. I would like to describe the exciting ninth and final round as I saw them from the ringside. Toweel, sensing that his title was ebbing away, put on the pressure to try and reduce the early lead that Charnley had obtained, he had paced his work to a nicety, but he did not reckon on the counter punching and combination punches that was taking its effect. A hard left hook to Toweel's head saw the latter emerge from a clinch with a badly cut eye, and this spurned the Soldier from Dartford to put on the pace and punch the South African out of the picture. As soon as the gong sounded for the tenth, Charnley darted out of his corner and connected time after time with his successful flurry of punches, all the fight seemed to have left Willie Toweel at this time and he staggered back across the ring amid the cheers of the Charnley followers. Dave not letting up and sensing that he had his prey beaten sent over a left to the body and another right to the head and again following through with his left to the open mouthed South African, sent him down with another right. Toweel began to rise at eight but it was slow motion, and Referee Andrew Smyth of Belfast tolled off the fatal OUT as brave Willie Towell gained his feet, a beaten and gallant loser.

Promoter Harry Levene promised Arthur Boggis, manager of Charnley, that he will do all in his power to try and get Joe Brown to defend his title against Charnley. If this materializes then Wembley Pool will not be big enough to house the large crowd that would want to witness this title clash. . . . Dick Tiger, Nigeria, British Empire middleweight champion, 161¾, gained his revenge over Randy Sandy of Brooklyn, U. S. A., 156¾, in a scrambling ten. . . . I have seen Tiger in better fights than this, for although he tried to corner the clowning shifty movements of the American, he never at any time could connect to bring the contest to a close. Perhaps it was a clash of styles. . . . Terry Burnett, Cardiff, 147, gained a narrow points win over Billy Wadham, Tottenham, 143¾, in a hotly disputed eight. . . . Len Reece, Cardiff, 121¼, was a clear points winner against Terry Toole, Hackney, 120¼, in their eight, but was in a bad state during the last twenty seconds of the last round, and was saved by the bell. . . . Roy Beaman, Brixton, 119¾, stopped Barry Ridge, Leicester, 120½, in the third. . . . Mike Robbins, Camberwell, 146¼, outpointed Wally Madley, South Africa, 148¼, in a lively six.



Dave Charnley, British lightweight champion, added the Empire title to his collection when he knocked out Willie Toweel of South Africa in ten rounds at the Empire Pool, Wembley. In their first bout, Toweel had taken a close fifteen rounds decision.

▶BRIGHTON . . . Pat Byrne, Glasgow, 161¾, kept his unbeaten record of six inside the distance wins by stopping Jacob Dempsey, Antigua, 157¾, in the fourth when the referee intervened to save Dempsey from further punishment. . . . Abe Stanley, Poole, 176½, and Don Sainsbury, Penarth, 174¾, fought a furious draw in eight. . . . Freddie Dobson, Manchester, 125¾, outpointed Alex Bryant, Islington, 128, in six. . . . Terry Tulley, Brighton, 138, and Terry Lake, Morden, 140, boxed a draw in six. . . . Jack O'Neal, Morden, 128¼, knocked out Joey LeGrange, South Africa, 126½, in the first. . . . Tony Bowles, Brighton, 109, stopped Johnny Hills, Hove, 109, in the fourth.

▶KINGS LYNN . . . Johnny Cole, Bow, 169¾, and Billy Smith, Croydon, 172½, gave the fans one of the most exciting battles that has been seen in any ring, and how the small crowd enjoyed themselves could only be visualized if one had seen such a scrap on a TV set, for the noise was deafening as they cheered these two gladiators on. At the end of eight furious rounds referee Syd Nathan declared that Cole had won on points, which must have been by a narrow margin. . . . Brian Jelly, Bermondsey, 200, and Johnny Chapman, 188, of Basingstoke, fought a furious draw in six. . . . Johnny Collier, Stepney, 128¾, outpointed Tony Webster, Norwich, 132, in six. . . . Lacy Stannard, Kings Lynn, 164, stopped George Burke, West Ham, 162, in the third. . . . Jimmy Giles, Stepney, 128, outpointed Peter Hibbert, Shepherds Bush, 128, in six. . . . Jackie Bowers, Canning Town, 124¼, and Johnny Fitzpatrick, Sheffield, 128½, drew in six.

▶IT IS WITH THE DEEPEST REGRET THAT I RECORD THE PASSING OF AN OLD AND TRUE FRIEND IN JAMES (JIMMY) W. BUTLER, AT THE AGE OF 81. It was way back in 1909 that I first made the acquaintance of Jimmy at The Old Judean Club in London's East End where he came every Sunday afternoon to cover the boxing shows for his paper. When my brother, YOUNG COHEN, was boxing with great success in and around New York in 1911, Jimmy had then started "THE SPORTING BUDGET" and every Monday around 7 a.m. I would be waiting on his doorstep with the clippings of the contests of his bouts with Johnny Dundee, Patsy Kline, Joe Shugrue, Abe Attell and others. Uncle Jimmy, as I always called him, named me as my brother's "Press Agent". . . . Many was the time that he took his young son FRANK, who was about seven years of age at that time, to all the leading boxing shows and said that he will learn his trade from the bottom rung. . . . Today Frank is one of our leading sports writers, the son of "THE DOYEN" of boxing writers whose reports on boxing for the last SIXTY years was always respected by sporting folks the world over. . . . "GOOD BYE" JAMES, it was grand knowing such a great guy, and MAY YOUR DEAR SOUL REST IN PEACE.

▶GLASGOW . . . In the Banqueting Hall of the Central Hotel, Glasgow, a show for The Cancer Research Fund was a huge success. Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 130¼, outpointed Arthur Donachie, Greenock, 131, in an exciting eight. . . . Billy Rafferty, Glasgow, 118, outpointed Graham van der Walt, South Africa, 118, in eight. . . . After the bout the South African stated that he was retiring from boxing and would not take part in another bout. . . . Owen Reilly, Glasgow, 127, making a come-back, suffered a first round defeat when the referee intervened after Terry McManus, Belfast, 130¼, had scored two knockdowns. Pat Loughran, Belfast, 138¾, knocked out Dick Kiernan, Cardowan, 136, in the first.

▶DERBY . . . It was TV show for Derby fight fans when Derry Treanor, Glasgow and Ireland, 124¾, battled Eric Brett, India and Retford, 124, in a hotly disputed eight. First one and the other held the lead for it was a humdinger from the start with the referee making Treanor a narrow points winner. . . . Both came in for a great hand on leaving the ring. . . . Colin Moore, Derby, 149¼, outpointed Tommy Power, Nottingham, 157¾, in eight. . . . Billy Calvert, Sheffield, 125, outpointed Chris Elliott, Leicester, 125¼, in six. . . . Brian Hunt, Worksop, 138¼, outpointed Jackie Hudson, Sheffield, 137½, in six. . . . Tony Broadhead, Sheffield, 159, outpointed Tenti Latu, Tonga, 157, in six.

▶BELFAST . . . Paddy Kelly, Derry, 126, showed some of his best form when he stopped Jim Fisher, Belfast, 126, in the second. . . . Fisher had taken five counts before the latter's seconds threw the towel into the ring. . . . Ray Bond, Belfast, 144½, outpointed Joe Sharpe, Belfast, 142, in a thrilling eight. . . . Gerry O'Neill, Belfast, 140, stopped Len Donnelly, Derry, 141, in the second. . . . Tony McCann, Belfast, 147, outpointed Paddy McAuley, Belfast, 149, in eight.

▶BANBURY . . . Colin Salcombe, Smethwick, 132, won in grand style when he outpointed Junior Cassidy, Nigeria, 130, in eight. . . . Bernie Jelly, Bermondsey, 196, and Don Cox, Market Harborough, 191½, drew in a scrambling six. . . . Joe Greer, Coventry, 147, outpointed Sunny Osemegie, Nigeria, 149, in six. . . . Kofie Manu, Ghana, 124, knocked out Barrie Ridge, Leicester, 124, in the second. . . . Harry Salcombe, Smethwick, 124, outpointed Sammy Brown, Cardiff, 124, in eight. . . . John O'Donnell, Birmingham, 124, outpointed Johnny Lloyd, Worcester, 124, in six.

▶READING . . . Eltoro Steed, Trinidad, 148, clearly outpointed Jack Burley, Hackney, 147½, in six. . . . Joe Ceroni, Italy, 147, outpointed Mike Robbins, Camberwell, 147½, in a lively six. . . . Terry Lake, Morden, 141, outpointed Peter Anderson, Cricklewood, 148, in six. . . . Johnny Chapman, Basingstoke, 187, defeated Tony Smith, Wolverhampton, 189, when the latter was disqualified in the fourth. . . . Roy Lake, Morden, 124, was a good points winner over Peter Hibbert, Shepherds Bush, 129, in six. . . . Dave Johnson, Enfield, 119, showed good form in his first paid contest against Billy Odwell, Camden Town, 117½, when he won on points in six.

▶SHOREDITCH . . . Barney Beale, Lambeth, 136¾, after boxing two draws with Johnny Simmons, Paddington, 135¾, made it third time lucky, by winning a points decision in eight. . . . Tommy McGuinness, Edinburgh, 139, inflicted the first defeat upon the promising Bermondsey light-come-welterweight George Cottle, 140½, in eight. . . . Bernie Dillon, Stepney, 112½, outpointed Barrie Adgie, Derby, 112, in six. . . . Dave Ford, 127, beat Ollie Wyllie, 128½.

THE MAT WORLD

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NEWS FROM THE SOUTH

By Gene Gordon

In Charlotte the masked Great Bola and Larry Hamilton tangled in the main event at Park Center in one of the roughest matches seen in a Charlotte ring.

Hamilton, a real rough and aggressive matman from St. Joseph, Mo. was holding his own with the masked demon up until the third fall when both started fighting outside the ring. It ended with the Masked Man slamming Hamilton's head against the ring edge and opening a cut on the forehead of the Misouri wrestler, who was bleeding like a stuck pig.

In a midget tag team bout Tiny Tim and Mario Sanchez were the winners over Fuzzy Cupid and Tom Thumb. The little men are popular here and always provide plenty of action.

On the same program Duke Keomoko finally won over strong Tony Baillergeon with a sleeper hold. Baillergeon, is the youngest of a family of four wrestling brothers. Duke Keomoko and Danny McShane have failed to get their favorite hold "The Claw" on Tony whose rippling stomach muscles prevent the two meanies from making the dreaded hold effective.

Enrico Torres won with an airplane spin over tough newcomer Martino Angelo. This was the popular Latin star's last appearance here as he has left for a tour of Japan.

Popular Cyclone Anoya bested rugged Jim Wright in the opening bout of the evening before a packed house.

Billy Two Rivers and George Becker have been busy defending their Southern tag team title all over the Carolinas and Virginia.

Mighty Paul Anderson is an ideal partner for others in a team bout. Anderson was recently chosen by Larry Hamilton and Duke Keomuko as their partner when they defeated the Great Bolo, Ike Eakins, and Jim Wright in Charlotte.

Girls highlighted the semi-final spot on the all-star card which saw redheaded Ann Reagan win the nod over fiery Sylvia Lopez, a newcomer from Cuba.

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

THE THREE BOXING SHOWS STAGED IN LA LAGUNA DURING THE month were promoted by Manuel Mateos and Mel Dipp at their arena "Olimpica" of Gomez Palacio, State of Durango.

▶ Rugged Cain Rogero, 121, easily decisioned "Pajaro" Gonzalez, 120, after 10 wet rounds. The boys fought under a heavy rain. Young Miguel Orona, 130, stopped Mike Sanchez, 134, in the second. Javier Rodriguez, 132, bested Martin Palomares, 133, in eight rounds. Manuel Favela, 139, kayoed Joe Gallardo, 133, in the third. Jesus Segovia, 117, son of popular trainer Carlos Segovia, made his pro debut by decisioning Antonio Ibarra, 116, in four fast rounds.

▶ Veteran Rudy Coranado, 128, Guadalajara, was too experienced for classy Feliciano "Chano" Barrientos, 130. Chano got all the things to be a great fighter, but the Guadalajara veteran whipped him during the full 10 rounds to get a clean decision triumph.

Miguel Orona, 130, Lerdo, outpointed "Venado" Moran, 127, Guadalajara. Manuel Favela, 137, stopped Jaime Nuno, 137, in two rounds. Tony Becerra, 121, halted veteran Lucio Polina Hidalgo, 123, in the fourth. Lupe Sanchez, 117, bested Kid Charol (Alfonso Flores), 118, in the 4-rounder.

▶ MATAMOROS:—Carlos Hernandez, 119, defeated "Ardilla" Garcia, 120, in ten. "Coneja" Hernandez, 125, outscored Ray Garza, 127, also in a tenner. Chuy Rodriguez, 118, bested Paco Lara, 117, in eight rounds.

▶ ACAPULCO:—"Zurdo" Arce, 117, won a ten round unanimous decision over Roberto Mar, 118. "Pollero" Garcia, 119, stopped Zurdo Salgado, 118, in four.

▶ OAXACA:—"Torito" Mota, 113, easily decisioned Tibico Torres, III, in ten rounds. Alfredo "Trapiche" Mijangos, 128, outpointed Tony Garcia, 130, also in ten. Alvaro Collado, 135, KO'd "Chato" Ramirez, 136, in the fourth.

▶ MONTERREY: — "Cuervo" Salinas, 116, stopped Panchito Saldivar, 118, in the seventh. Tony Lopez, 137, kayoed Manuel "Pinky" Ruiz, in seven rounds.

▶ LA PAZ:—Memo Ayon, 150, won by disqualification over Camilo Flores, 148, in the fourth. A butt was the cause. Lucio Flores, 125, outpointed "Batequi" Olaguea, 126, in ten rounds.

▶ TIJUANA:—Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 121, National bantamweight champ, got the duke over Danny Kid, 120, Manila, in ten rounds. Former Welterweight Champ of Mexico Tomas Lopez "El Conscripto", 147, returned to the ring and he got a 2-round technical draw with Francisco "CocaCola" Echevarria, 153. Both men were cut.

▶ CIUDAD VICTORIA:—Roberto "Mono" Garcia, 134, scored a 3-round kayo over Fidel Lucero, 135, La Laguna. Pedro "Chato" Perez, 148, La Laguna, stopped "Negro" Martinez, 146, in the second round.

▶ MATAMOROS:—"Ardilla" Garcia, 122, kayoed Baltasar "TrucuTu" Velazguez, 125, in nine rounds. "Coneja" Hernandez, 126, bested Ray Garza, 125, in ten. Chuy Rodriguez, 118, outpointed Kid Toro, 117, in eight rounds. Paco Lara, 118, iced Johnny Galvan, 119, in the fourth.

▶ GUAYMAS:—"Grillito" Aguilar, 126, got a ten round duke over veteran Luis Castillo, 122. Ernesto Aguilar, 145, another veteran, kayoed Fillo Prado, 151, in the second round. Alfonso "Gorilon" Oritz, 152, outscored Mario "Negro" Sandoval, 150, in six rounds. Charlie Sylva, 145, iced Pedro Gonzalez, 149, in the first round.

▶ ACAPULCO:—Here you have something for Nat Fleischer's Big Book! Two decisions reversed by the referee in the same night and by the same cause. According to Mexican regulations for boxing, when a second, trainer or manager of a fighter enters the ring before a decision is rendered, the triumph will be granted to the opposite fighter no matter how the scores have been recorded. So, the two real winners in the ring were declared defeated by the disqualification clause. Alex Arenas, 133, bested in the ring, was the victor over Chicuahua Kid, 136, and Fidencio Sobreas, 124, the real winner during the route suffered an 8-round disqualification defeat to Vincente Hernandez, **123.**

TEXAS BOXING NEWS

By Harlan Haas

TEXAS BOXING ENTERPRISES, INC., HOUSTON, TEXAS — It was David and Goliath all over again at the Sam Houston Coliseum as Roy Harris soundly thrashed huge Charlie Powell over the ten round distance.

Once that bell sounded, the tremendously quick Cut 'n Shoot country boy took complete charge. He was a darting, awkwardly clever boxer. He was entirely too quick for his muscular foe who was repeatedly beaten to the punch. By the third round Powell's nose was bleeding, and he was a bewildered young man. Harris stung him again and again at long range and then moved in to grapple with Big Charlie.

As the battle surged past the midway mark, the Cut 'n Shoot battler picked up more and more speed. The eighth round was his best. He tagged Powell with a booming right hand that shook up the San Diego bomber in this session, and in general made it rougher than the proverbial cob. The ninth and tenth were all Harris. He could easily have gone 20 rounds.

The scorecards read 100-90, 100-90, 100-87, and this writer had it 100-89, all in favor of Roy. Harris weighed 195½, Powell 212.

In prelims, Ray Portilla, 142, Houston, stopped Jimmy Burns, 146, Augusta, Ga., in the second. Dean Bogany, 182, Houston, beat Johnny Twohads, 192, Boston, in a six. Danny Salazar, 142, Houston, whipped Willie Estes, 138, Houston, in four, and Charley Roberts, 211, Houston, made his pro debut by winning a four round decision over Jerry Keyes, 186, Houston.

▶ Tyler:—Roy Copeland (150) and Walter Moerbe (158) draw six rounds. Garland Randall (139) Tkayoed Henry Watson (138) five rounds. Matt Plachy (175) kayoed Rastene Lucas (170) two rounds. Reagan Turman (183) kayoed Bob Albright (213) ten rounds.

▶ Houston:—Jerry Fowler (122) Tkayoed Jerry Forch (122½) four rounds. Tom Jonse (123½) kayoed Ray Hawk (119) two rounds. Nolan Williams (158) kayoed Aurelio Costa (164) three rounds. Freddie Little (159) Tkayoed Norris Burse (162½) seven rounds. Joey Archer (157½) decisioned Tony Dupas (153½) ten rounds.

▶ McAllen:—Guadalupe Tamez (142) kayoed Raymundo Garcia (138) one round. Joel Dominguez (118) decisioned Francisco Fernandez (120) six rounds. Ramon Chavez (151) decisioned Raul Gonzales (160) eight rounds. Martin Vasquez (131) kayoed Pedro Compos (132) five rounds.

▶ Brownsville:—Reynaldo Duran (128) decisioned Tito Guillen (127) four rounds. Richard Guillen (120) decisioned Jorge Gomez (120) six rounds. German Reyes (134) kayoed Abel Escobar (137) four rounds. Pedro Gonzalez (118) and Antero Molina (120) draw four rounds.

BOXING IN MOBILE

By Art Drago

▶ **MOBILE—GUY SUMLIN, 145, BOUNCING BACK FROM A** knockout loss to Rudell Stitch two months ago, banged out a unanimous decision over Tony Dupas, 149, before an appreciative audience of 1,502.

It was the 15th victory against two defeats for Sumlin, 22-year-old Alabama welterweight champion. Sumlin had lost a decision to Tony's brother, Ralph, here last fall to account for his only other defeat.

In handing Tony his second loss in as many bouts between the two, Sumlin performed in much more decisive fashion than in his victory over the younger Dupas here last summer.

Referee Tommy Baker called the bout, 48-45, judge George Schaffer, 49½-46 and judge Doots Blalock, 49-44.

Johnny Little, 135, Bogalusa, La. decisioned Larry Scott, 134½, New Orleans (4); Clifton Enslier, 168, Mobile, stopped Larry Osley, 170, New Orleans, 1:50 of first (scheduled 4); and Marlin Moore, 145, Mobile stopped Pete Bolton, 148, New Orleans, in the second.

The gross gate of $4,334 was the best here since Sumlin and Ralph Dupas did better than $8,000 for an outdoor battle in chilly November.

CONNECTICUT BOXING NEWS

By Sal Giacobbe

WATERBURY:—PROMOTER TONY PAOLI'S SECOND SHOW in a month at Waterbury's Buckingham Hall saw Al King of Bristol defend his newly acquired State lightweight championship against Irish Pat Mallane of Union City. In another great and close fight King won this one the hard way, for it was announced that Mallane won by a one point edge over King. But with more than half the crowd having left the hall, one of the news men at ringside, in checking the scorecard, discovered an error in addition on referee Guido Francimore's card, necessitating Athletic Commissioner Dennis T. McMahon to rule King the winner by one point. It was a tough fight for Mallane to lose, especially after leaving the ring an apparent winner, later to be told he was the loser. King weighed in at 134½ to Mallane's 135.

In an 8 rounder, Rinzi Nocero, 165, Brooklyn, KO'd Johnny Wilks, 168, Canton, Ohio, in the 5th round. Nocero looked real good against a game and courageous Wilks, who withered under Nocero's relentless attack and finally succumbing from a terrific right cross to the jaw.

In a six, "Red" Bernie Raines, 149, Stamford, lost again to Joe Reeves, 147, Waterbury.

▶ Hartford:—Sport Promoters, Inc., came up with another good fight card at Hartford's State Theatre, but with very little support from Hartford's dwindling boxing fans. In ten round co-features, Graham Holmes, 144, Manchester, scored a 9th round KO over Charlie Washington, 142, New York, and Jimmy Monts, 164, Hartford, scored a second round KO over Joe White, 168, of New York. It was a left hook to the jaw that won the fight for Monts.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By Tom Ephrem

BILL GORE, THAT WISE OLE SAGE OF THE SQUARED CIRCLE and in our humble opinion tops as trainer, proved to Houston's fistic fraternity that a fight can be won in the corner. Handling Tampa's heavyweight bid, Cleveland Williams against Ernie Cab, of Brooklyn, trainer Gore made the big fellow go out there (after a dismal showing) and stop the Cab in the eighth round.

▶ A seating capacity auditorium of 25,000 is the plan for Atlanta, Georgia. Boxing may play a very important part in the auditorium program.

▶ The governor of Virginia, an ardent boxing fan, can trace his love for the sport back to 1917, when as a student at the University of Virginia, he boxed as a welterweight and middleweight for his "U". Governor J. Lindsay Almond, Jr. is the man. He recently invited former light-heavyweight champ Joey Maxim to his office in Richmond. Maxim appeared as referee on a Richmond wrestling card.

▶ This has been one slow month for boxing in Florida, in fact not a card took place. We can't recall in 20 years with The Ring Magazine that the sport had taken such a Rip Van Winkle.

▶ In Nat Fleischer's autobiog, "Fifty Years At Ringside", two Floridians stand out prominently by his expert knowledge. Bill Gore, of Lutz and Tampa, and Angelo Dundee, of Miami Beach, are the pair among boxing trainers about whom The Ring Editor-Publisher sings praises. Get a copy of this excellent book.

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NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By Ike Morales

THERE WAS PLENTY OF BUZZING around the local boxing beat following the supreme court's affirmation of a Federal Court decision here that the Louisiana mix-bout ban is unconstitutional. While fight promoters in this area are not anxious to rush into the new setup, it's a foregone conclusion that mixed fights will soon be staged in the Crescent City.

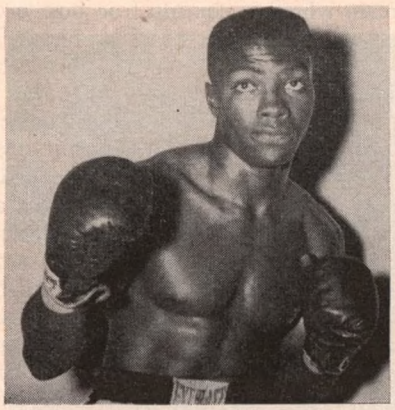
Fight promoters, before attempting to bring together such contests, must first get the okay from the attorney general's office in Baton Rouge, La. And AG Jack Gremillion contends he cannot make a decision until he gets official word from the Supreme Court. Until then, local fight promoters will sanction no mixed bouts.

When the fight game here was red-hot, mixed bouts, no doubt, would have put New Orleans among the leading fight centers of the world. That was when Ralph Dupas, Willie Pastrano, Charley Joseph and one or two others were riding high among the fistic elite.

Had mixed bouts been allowed in New Orleans shortly before Dupas signed to box Joe Brown for the world's lightweight championship, the title fight would have been held in the Crescent City. And there's no doubt the gate would have been close to $100,000—in lieu of television.

And at the same time there were several fine matches in which Charley Joseph would have "packed 'em in," with opponents like Joey Giardello, Bobo Olson, Gene Fullmer and Carmen Basilio available. However, things may be different for a while now. Joseph was stopped by Henry Hank; Dupas has been the victim of three TV split-decision victories, and Pastrano dropped in ratings as a result of losses in Europe.

▶ Win, lose or draw, Tony Dupas has been much in demand. The younger brother of Ralph, whose ring style is in contrast to the ranking welterweight, was defeated in recent fights with Joey Archer at Houston, Tex., and Guy Sumlin at Mobile, Ala. In fact, it was the second loss by Tony to both Joey and Guy, but the aggressive, unrelentless style of young Dupas has made him a big hit with the public, so much so, that Manager Whitey Esneault contends his Tony would be a real smash if ever he got the green light to appear in a nationwide television fight.



Gomeo Brennan, fast rising young welterweight from Bimini, Bahamas, who is a popular favorite with Miami Beach fight fans. Gomeo has an impressive record of 34 wins, 5 losses and 4 draws. He has scored 15 kayos and has lost but 1 of his last 16 fights, and but 2 of his last 25. Wallace (Bud) Smith, Mickey Crawford, Jimmy Archer, Tony DeCola, Willie Johnson, Jose Edwin and Rocky Randell are among his victims.

▶ Nick Lapara's initial promotion under the Crescent City Boxing Club banner was a huge success. It was an all-star card consisting of three 10 rounders, and while no big names in boxing participated, the show provided local interest, enough to lure a crowd of 1595 fans who grossed $2556 for the show staged in the Coliseum arena.

Al "Duke" Malone of Mobile, Ala., defeated Andrew Brown in one of the tens, while Davey Dupas bested Larry Armstead and Eddie Cates decisioned Calvin Campbell in the others.

For Malone, it was sweet revenge, inasmuch as the Alabama welter dropped an earlier decision to Brown. Although the contest was regarded as the feature of the card, it lacked the thrills of the other tenners. In fact, the timing for both were off and Brown and Malone missed their target repeatedly. Brown, at 145¾ pounds to Malone's 142, was a 6 to 5 favorite.

The decision in Malone's favor was a split one, Referee Frederick Adams and Ernie Cojoe voting for the Duke, while Panther Red scored it for Brown.

Davey Dupas used sweeping left hooks to the body and head to outscore Larry Armstead in an interesting bout. Davey, after taking a first round drubbing, worked on Armstead's body and drove in enough hooks to win the unanimous decision. Dupas weighed 138¼ pounds, Armstead 138½. Incidentally, it was the first time Armstead was beaten in a bout which lasted the scheduled distance. In his previous eight losses, Larry was kayoed in each.

The Cates-Campbell fight was a real punchfest from the opening bell, with both boys pitching and catching with reckless abandon. Cates used damaging left hooks to the body, jarring rights to the jaw and combinations to pile up an early lead. But Cal proved a willing mixer, brushed off Cates' best punches and drove the winner back with sharp lefts and overhand rights to the head. Cates closed Campbell's left eye with a steady tattoo in the third and fourth rounds and kept pecking away at the bruised optic. The decision was unanimous although there were many in the audience who disagreed. Cates weighed 146½ pounds to Campbell's 148¾. It was the first time either fighter was asked to box 10 rounds.

▶ Railbirds have wondered, time and again, why Whitey Esneault has been so successful with his stable—from the time he brought out Bernard and Maxie Docusen up to the present Dupas-Pastrano era. Whitey gets his glovers started in the amateur circles. For instance, there are several other Dupas boys ready to take up when Ralph and Tony hang up their gloves. Recently in an amateur show at St. Joseph's church, Eddie Dupas, eight years old and shaking the scales at 49 pounds, appeared in one of the bouts. Whitey says Eddie looks like a comer but "is inexperienced." Other Dupases fighting now in addition to Tony and Ralph are Mike, 10, and Claudie, 16. Out of action but who may fight again are two other brothers, Bert and Alfred Dupas.

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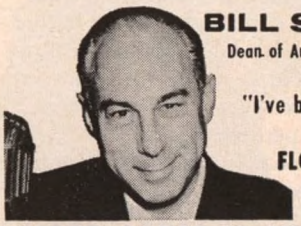

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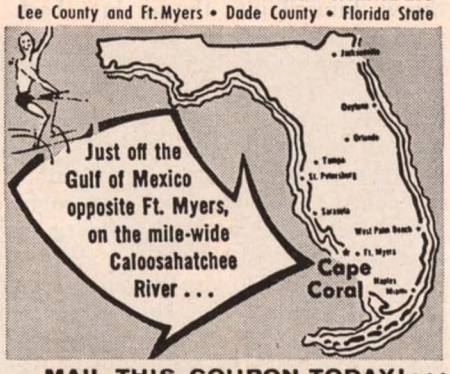

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HARRY HARRIS PASSES

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with their kicking stars," Harris would say, in telling of the incident. "I had been forewarned by Kid McCoy before I left New York. The kid had just returned from Paris, where he had seen an English boxer, Jerry Blake, flattened by a *la savate* performer.

"Knowing what to expect, I accepted the Paris engagement. I had no intention of being used for a football, so, when the bell rang, I shuffled out fast and before Dupree could meneuver into position for a kick, I slammed him on the jaw and knocked him flat.

"The show couldn't have gone more than twenty seconds. The promoter, of course, was highly indignant, and if I hadn't taken the precaution of demanding, and getting, my money in advance, I probably wouldn't have been paid."

THE SENSATIONAL RICKI STARR

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opponent, one Frank Fozo of Hamilton, Canada, you could hear the crowd actually suffer along with Starr. But it is never too long, before Starr, as graceful as a gazelle, and with lightning-like reflexes comes into his own as he takes over complete command of his adversary.

When Starr goes into action, it is like David and Goliath. A towering adversary looks down upon him and then Ricki hits an opponent where it really hurts . . . he strikes at their ego and crashes them to the mat with considerable authority. When they charge him he gets them off balance and then toys with them as a cat does to a mouse. He makes them boiling mad and then actually taps them in the face with his feet and then laughs at their predicament when they try to retaliate and they find he isn't there. From the top rope, he throws himself into the air in a backward arc and lands on his feet. Then, with as fast a drop kick as these weary eyes have ever seen he levels a bewildered opponents and crashes him to the mat in ignominious defeat.

Today, Starr is a dreamer no more. He contrives new routines over night. Sometimes while he is enroute to his next match he will get out a dancing mat and stop right on the side of the road and start dancing. He is formulating a new idea which he will probably put into effect in his very next match. You can imagine the thoughts of passing motorists. "*What's the matter with that lug, is he loco?*" they must think. Little do they know that they were gazing upon professional wrestling's greatest attraction today.

The teen-agers love Ricki. He is a typical example of a frustrated youth come to life. He is the vision of a dream which is coming true now every day of his life.

There are many who say that Starr went into wrestling with the idea of gaining a new foothold in show business. He thought that if he could gain attention of scouts who attend sporting events he would eventually be approached and asked to go to Hollywood and new fame and fortune. He wanted so much to get his foot back into the ballet and the legitimate theatre again. And it has happened. At this writing, he has been handed a script which contains a part for him in a New York production.

Today, Starr is the most magic name in professional wrestling. He appeared twice to sell-out houses in New York City, with thousands more turned away at the door. In Texas, he appeared for a while under the banner of Karl Sarpolos as a villain, if you can imagine that. In Washington, D. C. Promoter Jack (Babe) Sharkey headlined Ricki and Sharkey agreed that he was a promoter's dream come true.

In the ballet he earned about $125 a week. When he started in wrestling he earned about the same amount, but now his purses average about $3,000 a week.

TITLES

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fought them all, including Jimmy Slattery Jimmy Braddock, Leo Lomski, Tiger Flowers, Jock Malone, Ted Kid Lewis, Mickey Walker and Bob Olin. It never mattered to Rosenbloom with whom he was matched.

Archie Moore must be the most widely travelled of the present day champions. He won the title from Joey Maxim in St. Louis, and has defended it in Ogden, Utah, Miami, New York City, Los Angeles and Montreal. Venturing into the heavyweight division he met Nino Valdes in Las Vegas, and Rocky Marciano in New York.

Moore has fought in Australia and New Zealand, in England, Germany and half a dozen South American countries. Peron, the disposed Argentine dictator tried to induce him to stay there and teach boxing. Ancient Archie, anxious to be off again, declined.

Boxing's appeal is universal, and in America fans can be found anywhere. That explains why title bouts are held in so many different cities. New York has suffered because the TV sponsors refuse to black out the big market, but interest is as high as ever.

The seven title bouts on the spring and summer schedule have been and will be seen by millions on television. The one exception is the flyweight battle between Perez and Yonekura in Tokyo. That is beyond video range. It should be noted also that Patterson-Johansson was a closed circuit deal, and that the fight was piped into theatres.

The closed circuit arrangement was what Mike Jacobs visualized. He never thought of choking off the live market, the sale of tickets, by peddling his attraction to a sponsor, who in turn would give it away free to all TV set owners. Uncle Mike died too soon, and boxing is the poorer.

Boxing is a sport everybody understands. There is boxing even in Russia, although of the amateur variety. A title bout receives world-wide recognition, especially if a heavyweight contest. Reports are cabled to all parts of the world.

Imagine, if the London version of the TV show "What's My Line" should put on "Stan the Man." Could any Englishman identify him? He'd be the unanswered $64,000 question in France, even though the pay-off would run into millions of francs. In Japan, it might be different. Stan (the Man) Musial has played there.

Baseball is our National game, and any American kid can tell you Musial has long been the star of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Now let's try Ancient Archie. He's fought in London, He's been seen in Sydney, in Buenos Aires, Stuttgart and Indianapolis. Who is Ancient Archie? Archie Moore of course. He is known from North Adams to Tasmania.

This is no knock on baseball. Boxing happens to be more elementary. It is also international. Its world titles have meaning, and the interest spans the country, and reaches out over the two oceans.

Right now titles are up for grabs, here, there and everywhere. When you stop to think about it, it has always been this way.

Where has the heavyweight title been won and lost? In New Orleans, Carson City, Nev., Coney Island, N. Y., Los Angeles, Havana, Toledo, Philadelphia, Long Island City, N. Y., Chicago, Pittsburgh, and New York City. The place may be anywhere, which by plane is only a few hours away.

IN NEW MEXICO

By Nefie Quintana

CHARLES CHAVEZ AND NEFIE QUINTANA HAVE started promoting professional boxing in New Mexico in towns outside of Albuquerque. The fights were held in Santa Cruz, N. M., and it was the first time Santa Cruz ever had any professional boxing.

Joey Valdez, Albuquerque, N. M., stopped Chico Segura of Los Alamos, N. M., in 2:47 of the 7th round as a result of an injured cheekbone.

Irish Bob Harrington, 126, Albuquerque, drew with Al Jimenez, 126, from Taos, N. M. This was also a thriller.

Tony Mendoza, Phoenix, Arizona, 140, was stopped by Gentleman Mike Kelly, 140, Albuquerque, N. M.

Harold "Chief" Jackson, Bartsville, Oklahoma, 126, stopped Willie Hicks, 126, Hobbs, N. M., in 2 minutes of the 5th round.

Bobby Lente, 120, in his first professional fight, decisioned Joey Baldoni, 124, in 4 rounds.

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